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Thank you for your letter of 13 November regarding the independent review of P1 assessments. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Firstly, thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts on the membership and remit of the review. As I mentioned in my parliamentary statement in October I very much welcome the views of other parties on this issue.

I would like to announce that I have appointed David Reedy, Independent Literacy Consultant and General Secretary of the United Kingdom Literacy Association (UKLA) to lead the independent review on P1 Scottish National Standardised Assessments. A small review team will be working together across the spring term of 2019 to gather evidence to support the review. Details are currently being negotiated regarding the membership of the review team, which will feature a range of Scottish educators and early years' representatives, as well as HMIE. In addition, retired academic Eve Bearne has also been appointed to support Mr Reedy in this role.

The detailed remit of the review will be finalised and agreed shortly. I will ensure your comments are fed into those discussions.

I look forward to working with you in the New Year.

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