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Your ref:  
Our ref: 2018/0039592  
December 2018

Thank you for your letter of 6 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.

**JOHN SWINNEY**

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PROGRAMME FOR DAVID REEDY & EVE BEARNE

Monday 14th January – Wednesday 16th January

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	
14:00 > check in	[redacted – exemption applies]

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	
10:00 – 11:00	Meeting with Fiona Robertson, Director of the Learning Directorate Room – 2B Hot Office
11:30-13:30	Meeting with Scottish Government Officials; Andrew Bruce, Kit Wyeth & David Leng Room - 2-B43 (Bridge)
13:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Travel to Parliament
14:30 – 15:00	Meeting with Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, Mr John Swinney MSP Room – T4.23

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	
09:00-11:00	Meeting with Gayle Gorman, Chief Inspector of Education for Scotland Room - 2-B54 (Bridge)
11:30-12:30	Meeting with Scottish Government Officials, Andrew Bruce, Kit Wyeth & David Leng Room – 2D- 77 (South)



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