

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR CHILDREN AND EDUCATION
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2021**

Question

In relation to the determination of the formulae for school funding, will the Minister provide the following –

- (a) the date the process was started;
- (b) the date the consultation ended;
- (c) which stakeholders were consulted and the dates of any meetings held with them;
- (d) the date the first draft of the report was completed;
- (e) the date the final draft of the report was completed; and
- (f) the date the report was passed to him as a Minister?

Answer

- (a) the date the process was started;

The initiation meeting to start the project to review the funding formula was on 29th April 2021.

- (b) the date the consultation ended;

This work is being developed iteratively as a project and is not a consultation. The work to determine how the evolving formula influences the budget for 2022 will be complete by the end of December 2021.

- (c) which stakeholders were consulted and the dates of any meetings held with them;

As part of the project, stakeholders were split into three working groups: Primary Schools, Secondary Schools and Inclusion. In the third quarter the Inclusion content was merged into the Primary and Secondary groups.

Members of the Secondary Group are:

- 2 Secondary School Heads,
 - 1 Bursar from a Fee-Paying School
 - A representative from the School Improvement & Advisory Service
 - Project Manager (to ensure what is discussed aligns with other Education Reform Programme projects)
- Workshop dates: 12/5, 7/6, 13/7, 18/11

Members of the Primary Group are:

- 2 Primary Heads (1 town school, 1 Parish school)
 - 1 Bursar from a Fee-Paying School
 - Project Manager (to ensure what is discussed aligns with other Education Reform Programme projects)
- Workshop dates: 14/5, 10/6, 23/6, 12/11

Members of the Inclusion Group are:

- 1 Primary Head
 - 1 Secondary Head
 - Head of Inclusion
 - Head of SEN
 - A representative from the School Improvement & Advisory Service
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- Workshop dates: 11/5, 11/6, 25/6, 12/7, 26/7

Additionally, feedback continues to be garnered through a Quality Assurance process from nasen (authors of the Inclusion Review) and the Public Sector Consultancy (formerly 2020, authors of the Independent School Funding Review).

- (d) the date the first draft of the report was completed; and
- (e) the date the final draft of the report was completed; and
- (f) the date the report was passed to him as a Minister?

The project output will be in the form of a proposed budget and is being developed in an iterative process. The first presentation to the Minister will be the proposed 2022 budget in December 2021.