8 July 2020

Dear Nora Senior,

COVID-19: Impact on young people

The Economy, Energy and Fair Work Committee is continuing its inquiry on COVID-19 and has agreed to focus its future work on four key strands:

- Impact on businesses and workers as lockdown eases;
- Impact on young people;
- Role of the enterprise agencies and SNIB;

To help inform this work, the Committee has agreed to write to you to seek an update on how the Strategic Board’s plans have changed or developed in light of COVID-19. I note that the sub-group has published its report on measures to mitigate the labour market impacts from COVID-19 and it would be helpful for the Committee to know more about the future of the sub-group and any plans for further work in this area.

The Committee is seeking views on all four of these strands throughout July, with a view to taking oral evidence at the beginning of the parliamentary year in August. I believe that the Clerks have been in touch to invite you to give evidence at one of these meetings. I look forward to further discussion at this meeting.

I would be grateful if you could keep the Committee informed on any significant developments by the Strategic Board and provide a response to the above request by 31 July.

Kind regards