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Mr James Dornan, MSP
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Dear Mr Dornan,

SCHOOL BUILDINGS ACROSS SCOTLAND INQUIRY

Further to your letter of 15 May 2017, I can now respond to your request for information as follows.

1. *Inspection and remedial work of the current estate since January 2016*

To What Extent:

- has the school estate been Inspected;

East Lothian Council's school estate has been fully inspected on a risk basis with any potential concerns escalated for further intensive structural survey.

- have faults been identified;

Faults were identified at four PPP High Schools and five Primary Schools.

- has remedial work been undertaken and the impact of this?

Remedial works have been completed at the majority of these schools. Any outstanding works are considered non urgent and will be completed over the summer holiday period. There has been no impact on the operation of any of the schools.

2. *Quality Assurance Practices*

- How quality assurance is undertaken on current capital projects on the school estate;

All projects have quality assurance checks carried out by a Clerk of Works resulting in detailed Clerk of Works reports being produced and discussed at site progress meetings. Additional quality assurance checks shall be carried out by an Architect / Structural Engineer as appropriate.

- Whether the quality assurance of school capital projects has been reassessed since 2016;

Content of Clerk of Works reports has been reviewed and supplemented to include revised improved content and photographic evidence. Additional Clerk of Works resource and training is now in place.

- Whether there are, or were, particular issues depending on the funding model and the lessons to be learned?

We have not established any particular trend based on the funding model and are of the opinion that workmanship issues, such as those encountered by us, are not specific to any particular funding model.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you require any further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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