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Lord Low of Dalston
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Christine Gilbert
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Dear Lord Low,

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER HL2700: To ask Her Majesty's Government whether Ofsted has found widespread over-identification of children in School Action Plus; and whether media reports stating that up to 700,000 children or up to half of children with special educational needs may be misdiagnosed accurately reflect Ofsted's Special Educational Needs and Disability Review.

Your recent parliamentary question has been passed to me, as Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, for a response.

One of the findings of the *special educational needs and disability review* was that as many as half of all pupils identified for School Action would not be identified as having special educational needs if schools focused on improving teaching and learning for all, with individual goals for improvement. There was no such finding for pupils at School Action Plus. Although there were some specific examples in a few schools, the review found no widespread over-identification at this stage of the code of practice.

A copy of this reply has been sent to Lord Hill of Oareford, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Schools, and will be placed in the library of both Houses.

Yours sincerely
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