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Thank you for your letter updating the Committee on the Government's consultation on the reform of school funding. Whilst we regret that the Department is not yet in a position to respond to the first consultation or launch the second stage, we would welcome the offer of a preliminary briefing next week.

If this delay in launching the second phase of consultation impacts upon the Government's timetable for introducing reformed arrangements for funding, it is vital that Parliament—in both Chambers and committee—has the opportunity to consider the consequences.

In order to ensure that the Government's plans receive the appropriate degree of public scrutiny, I hope that your officials will liaise closely with the Committee secretariat on the timing of any announcement.

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Chair of the Education Committee