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Deputy Inna Gardiner Minister for Children and Education

## **BY EMAIL**

13<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Dear Minister,

## School Meals Project

The Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel notes that the next stage of the School Meals Project (MCE P1.12), set out in the 2023 Ministerial Delivery Plans, is due to commence on 1st April 2023.

However, the Panel understands that some schools may be in a position to implement the School Meals Project now. I should therefore be grateful if you provide responses to the following questions:

- 1. Have you received information about schools which are ready to commence the project now?
- 2. Is there capacity for the Project to commence sooner for those schools that are in a position to do so?
- 3. Please can you confirm whether the timescales allocated to this project in the 2023 Ministerial Plans will be reviewed?
- 4. Please can you advise whether you intend for this Project to be implemented in all schools at the same time, or phased in on a school-by-school basis?

The Panel looks forward to your response and would request this is received by 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Catherine Curtis Chair, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel