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Sir Michael Wilshaw
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

Dear Mr Griffiths

Your recent Parliamentary Questions have been passed to me, as Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, for response.

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 7575: To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 23 of the Ofsted report, Children looked after placements by English authorities, published on 14 July 2015, in the care of which local authorities were the 33 children missing for six months or longer on 31 March 2014.

I can confirm that Ofsted holds this information. Table 1 includes the number of children missing for six months or longer by local authority as at 31 March 2014.

Table 1

| Local Authority name | Number of children missing at 31 March 2014 |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Birmingham | 1 |
| Essex | 1 |
| Hillingdon | 1 |
| Kent | 13 |
| Norfolk | 1 |
| North Somerset | 1 |
| Northamptonshire | 4 |
| Plymouth | 1 |
| Portsmouth | 2 |
| Sandwell | 2 |
| Surrey | 5 |
| Wolverhampton | 1 |
| Total children missing | 33 |

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 7576: To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 23 of the Ofsted report, Children looked after placements by English authorities, published on 14 July 2015, how many of the 33 children missing for six months or longer on 31 March 2014 were (a) male and (b) female; and how many such children were (i) under 10, (ii) aged between 10 and 12, (iii) aged between 13 and 15 and (iv) aged between 16 and 18 years old when they went missing.

I can confirm that Ofsted holds this information. The below tables include the number of children missing for six months or longer as at 31 March 2014. Table 2 separates this figure by those which are male or female. Table 3 shows this figure by age group.

Table 2

| Gender | Number of children missing at 31 March 2014 |
|-------------------------------|--|
| (a) Male | 25 |
| (b) Female | 8 |
| Total children missing | 33 |

Table 3

| Age group | Number of children missing at 31 March 2014 | | |
|-------------------------------|--|-----------|----------|
| | All children | Male | Female |
| (i) Under 10 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| (ii) Aged 10-12 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (iii) Aged 13-15 | 18 | 12 | 6 |
| (iv) Aged 16-18 | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Total children missing | 33 | 25 | 8 |

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 7577: To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 23 of the Ofsted report, Children looked after placements by English authorities, published on 14 July 2015, how many of the 29 Chinese children who were missing from care on 31 March 2014 had been missing for (a) less than six months, (b) between six months and one year and (c) more than one year.

I can confirm that Ofsted holds this information. Table 4 includes the number of Chinese children by duration of time missing as at 31 March 2014.

Table 4

| Duration of time missing | Number of children missing at 31 March 2014 |
|---------------------------------|--|
| (a) Less than 6 months | 10 |
| (b) Six months - one year | 9 |
| (c) More than one year | 10 |
| Total children missing | 29 |

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 7574: To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 23 of the Ofsted report, Children looked after placements by English authorities, published on 14 July 2015, how many of the 29 Chinese children who were missing from care on 31 March 2014 had gone missing from (a) foster care, (b) children's homes, (c) independent living, (d) secure units, young offenders' institutions or prisons and (e) residential schools.

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 7578: To ask the Secretary of State for Education, with reference to page 23 of the Ofsted report, Children looked after placements by English authorities, published on 14 July 2015, how many of the 33 children were missing from (a) foster care, (b) children's homes, (c) independent living, (d) secure units, young offenders' institutions or prisons and (e) residential schools.

Ofsted does not hold this information as the method for reporting missing children does not extend to recording the type of placement from which a child has gone missing.

A copy of this reply has been sent to Edward Timpson, Minister of State for Children and Families, and will be placed in the library of both Houses.

Yours sincerely



Sir Michael Wilshaw

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector