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Dear Mr. Balls,

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 001213: To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many and what proportion of (a) primary and (b) secondary schools previously judged outstanding by Ofsted received subsequent inspection ratings of (i) outstanding, (ii) good, (iii) satisfactory and (iv) inadequate in the latest period for which figures are available.

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

Since September 2005, the overall effectiveness judgement has been made under the current school inspection framework (commonly known as Section 5) using a four point scale: outstanding, good, satisfactory and inadequate. The latest period for which published figures about maintained school section 5 inspection outcomes are available is the autumn term of 2009/10. This answer, therefore, takes into account inspections carried out up to and including 31 December 2009.

At 31 December 2009 there were 22,259 schools open and eligible for a section 5 Ofsted inspection. Of these, 21,949 had received at least one section 5 inspection, of which 16,878 were primary and 3,178 secondary schools. There are 8,015 schools which had two inspections under section 5 as at 31 December 2009, of which 5,928 were primary schools and 1,293 secondary schools. Of these schools, 578 were found to have had a previous overall effectiveness judgement of 'outstanding'. The overall effectiveness judgement from their second inspection under section 5 forms the basis for this response.

Table A shows figures for the number of primary and secondary schools reinspected under section 5 where the previous overall effectiveness judgement was found to be outstanding.

A copy of this reply has been sent to Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for Schools, and will be placed in the library of both Houses.

Yours sincerely
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Table A: Latest overall effectiveness grades for those maintained Primary and Secondary schools graded outstanding at their previous section 5 inspection						
		Latest Overall Effectiveness Judgement				
Previous Overall Effectiveness Judgement	Phase	Grand Total	Outstanding	Good	Satisfactory	Inadequate
Outstanding	Primary	462	314 (68%)	118 (26%)	25 (5%)	5 (1%)
	Secondary	116	97 (84%)	16 (14%)	2 (2%)	1 (1%)
Grand Total		578	411 (71%)	134 (23%)	27 (5%)	6 (1%)