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Dear Estelle,

I promised to write in response to your question on Day 2 of Lords Committee on the Schools Bill about whether the provision to pay trustees will be replicated for Interim Executive Boards in maintained schools (Hansard, column 1420, 13 June 2022).

During the debate you reflected that there is a parallel situation where a governing body of a maintained school is not strong and an Interim Executive Board ('IEB') is put in place and questioned whether the government proposes to make arrangements for those governors to also be remunerated in the intervening period (Hansard, column 1419, 13 June 2022).

The proposed model for Interim Trust Boards under clause 7 of the Schools Bill is based closely on the IEB model. Section 69 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'), allows the Secretary of State to replace the governing body of a maintained school with an IEB if the school is eligible for intervention. Since the introduction of Interim Executive Boards in 2002, they have proved to be an effective measure in addressing governance failures.

Schedule 6 to 2006 Act sets out how the IEB is constituted. There is already provision for remuneration of IEB trustees under Paragraph 9 of Schedule 6 which states that "*the appropriate authority may pay to any interim executive member such remuneration and allowances as the appropriate authority may determine*".

Whilst government expects voluntary service to remain normal practice for trustees, the IEB and ITB models allow for remuneration for a time-limited period, in circumstances where bringing in highly skilled individuals would help to turn around an underperforming school or trust.

I hope this clarifies the issue of remuneration for you. I am placing a copy of this letter in the library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diana Barran".

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