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Dear Fiona,

I would like to thank you for your question on additional funded childcare provisions on Wednesday 20 March.

During the Oral Question, I said that the funding for three- to four-year-olds is almost identical in the new scheme to previous rates. I would like to clarify that the funding is almost identical to mean hourly fees paid by parents in 2023.

I will deposit a copy of this letter in the House Library.

Yours sincerely,

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