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Dear Mike,

Following the School Funding: Special Educational Needs debate on Thursday 23 May, I am writing to clarify a comment I made on the number of teaching assistants in England.

I stated that “the number of teaching assistants [...] rose by 5,300 last year, up by 59,600 since 2010-11”.

I would like to clarify that the number of teaching assistants has risen by 59,600 since 2011/12, as this was the first year we collected data on teaching assistants in the school workforce census.

Thank you again for raising this matter with me. I hope these details have been useful and I will place a copy in the House libraries.

Yours sincerely,

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