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Dear Ms. Maguire

I refer again to your recent correspondence in relation to the views contained in a Motion passed at the meeting of South Dublin County Council held on 12th October 2009.

The position is that the Special Group on Public Service Numbers and Expenditure Programmes was established in order to examine the current expenditure programmes in each Government Department and to make recommendations for reducing public service numbers so as to ensure a return to sustainable public finances.

There are a wide range of recommendations contained in the report which cut across all Departments. The report, and its specific recommendations, is being considered by the Department of Education and Science in the context of achieving the required reductions in public service numbers and exchequer expenditure.

Overall consideration of the report of the Special Group on Public Service Numbers and Expenditure Programmes and the decisions on all of the issues arising will be a matter for the Government. It would not be appropriate for me to comment further at this stage pending the outcome of these deliberative processes.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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Minister for Education and Science