

29th October 2010

Deputy Mary Coughlan TD
Tánaiste & Minister for Education and Skills
Office of the Minister for Education and Skills
Marlborough Street
Dublin 1

Our Ref: 25288

**RE: Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting of South Dublin
County Council held on 26th October 2010**

Dear Minister,

At the meeting of the Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee held on the 26th October 2010 the following question was adopted and approved by the Members of the Area Committee:

“To ask the Manager to write to the Minister for Education & Skills to request that funding be made available to cover the cost of vetted escorts on currently unsupervised school buses serving Esker Educate Together NS so as to address the serious concerns that exist over child protection given that infant pupils, many of whom have little or poor English language skills, are collected and dropped-off at unsupervised public locations throughout Lucan South?”

I would be obliged for your comment and response as soon as possible to enable me to revert to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

**Noreen Fitzgibbon
Senior Staff Officer**



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Dear Noreen

Thank you for your recent letter concerning vetted escorts on school buses.

However as this matter is more appropriate to my colleague Mr. Sean Haughey T.D., Minister of State at this Department with special responsibility for Further and Adult Education, School Transport, Educational Disadvantage in Primary and Post Primary Schools and the National Education Welfare Board, I have referred your correspondence to him for his attention and reply.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Mary Coughlan T.D.
Tánaiste and Minister for Education and Skills