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29 November, 2010

Dear Ms Fitzgibbon,

Thank you for your recent letter on behalf of South Dublin County Council in relation to the number of approved Post-Leaving Certificate (PLC) places in the Lucan-Clondalkin Electoral areas.

The overall number of approved PLC places is set at its current level of 31,688 because there is a continuing requirement to plan and control numbers and to manage expenditure within the context of overall educational policy and provision.

Ballyfermot College of Further Education is operated by City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee (CDVEC). CDVEC was allocated 180 extra PLC places for the 2009/2010 academic year. This brought its total allocation of approved PLC places to 7,718. Further distribution of PLC places to schools/colleges under its remit is a matter for each VEC.

The application process for the 2010/2011 academic year has concluded. No additional PLC places were available for distribution, so the number of approved PLC places allocated to CDVEC for the 2010/2011 academic year is maintained at 7,718.

I hope that this clarifies the matter for you.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Seán Haughey, TD  
Minister for Lifelong Learning

29<sup>th</sup> October 2010

Deputy Mary Coughlan TD  
Tánaiste & Minister for Education and Skills  
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Our Ref: **25157**

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

Dear Minister,

At the meeting of the Lucan/Clondalkin Area Committee held on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2010 the following motion was passed by the Members of the Area Committee:

*“That in view of the very high level of unemployment of young people, under 25 years, in the Lucan- Clondalkin Electoral Areas, the increased level of applications for places in Higher Education Colleges such as IT Tallaght in 2010, this Committee believes the "cap" imposed on the number of PLC places in Further Education Colleges (e.g. Ballyfermot College of FE could accommodate an additional 200 1st Year students, if it were not prevented in doing so by the "cap") requests the Manager to write to the Minister for Education & Skills conveying the view of the Committee that the number of 1st Year PLC places should be immediately increased by 20% in 2010-2011.”*

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

Yours sincerely,

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Senior Staff Officer