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Mr Tom O'Neill Meetings Administrator, Corporate Services Department, South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24

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Dear Mr O'Neill,

I refer to your correspondence dated 25th April 2016 in relation to the motion passed at a meeting of South Dublin County Council regarding the funding available under the Lufthansa Technic European Globalisation Fund programme.

As part of the application by the Department of Education and Skills to the EU Commission for a programme under the European Globalisation Fund (EGF) in respect of Lufthansa Technic, in addition to the funding sought to support the redundant employees, it sought funding to provide supports to 200 under 25 year old young people who were not in employment, education or training (NEETs).

The Department of Social Protection is responsible for selecting the eligible NEETs for inclusion in the EGF programme. This programme is co-ordinated by an EGF Coordination Unit under the auspices of Solas.

The Department has worked very closely with both the EGF Coordination Unit and the Department of Education and Skills to identify and select the 200 clients of the Department who satisfy the criteria for receipt of supports under the programme. Over the period of the programme the Department fully expects that the target number of NEETs provided for in the application to the EU Commission will have received supports to assist them access education/training and/or employment.

I trust this clarifies matters and if you require any further information, the Department's Dublin South Divisional Manager, Ms Fiona Ward, who will be happy to assist. Her contact details are fiona.ward@welfare.ie.

Yours sincerely,

Níamh O'Donohgue

Secretary General