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Further to the response I gave during Oral Questions on Monday 19 January 2009 to Tommy Gallagher MLA's supplementary question about costs related to the pupil profile, I am writing to clarify the position regarding the information I provided.

In answering the supplementary question I drew on the information I had available at that time, which related to 2007/08 and the 2008/09 financial year to date. The cost of training and support for teachers for the pupil profile within this timeframe is, as stated, some £180,000 and my answer made clear that this figure applied to that timeframe.

My Department has now received from the Council for the Curriculum, Examinations and Assessment and reviewed pupil profile cost figures for the full period concerned, which covers the years 2003/04 to 2008/09 to date. The cost of developing the pupil profile and providing training and support for teachers within this overall timeframe is some £581,000, and I provided this information to members in my written reply of 21 January to Written Assembly Question 3995/09.

I note that there has been some confusion caused by the publication of these different cost figures, which relate to different periods of time. I hope this clarifies the position.

I am copying this letter to the Assembly Library for the record.

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