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I am writing to clarify some figures which I quoted during my response to the debate on the Private Members' motion regarding Pre-School Places.

I referred to spending on the statutory pre-school sector as approximately £48m and suggested that the total allocation to all pre-school education, including voluntary and private settings, could be £60.3m. In 2009/10, the allocation to the statutory pre-school sector was around £40m and the total allocation to all pre-school, including voluntary and private settings, was over £52m. My recent announcement of funding of up to £1.3m applies, of course, to 2010/11.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused and would ask that this clarification is made available to Members.

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