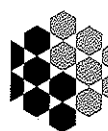


FROM THE MINISTER



Department for
**Employment
and Learning**
www.delni.gov.uk

The Speaker
Northern Ireland Assembly
Parliament Buildings
Stormont
BELFAST
BT4 3XX

Adelaide House
39/49 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8FD
Tel: 028 9025 7791
Email: private.office@delni.gov.uk

Our Ref: SUB/106/10

7th April 2010

Dear Mr Speaker

ORAL QUESTION TIME – 22 MARCH 2010

During Question Time on 22 March 2010, in my response to a supplementary question from Patsy McGlone I provided the following answer in relation to the employer incentive payments within the ApprenticeshipsNI Programme:-

“Members will be aware that there is already a financial incentive for an employer to take on an apprentice, and a further financial incentive is paid to the employer if that apprentice completes the course”

I wish to confirm that an employer does not, in fact, receive a financial incentive when taking on an apprentice. When the apprentice achieves the Full ApprenticeshipsNI Framework and receives an ApprenticeshipsNI Certificate a financial incentive is paid to the employer. I should be grateful if you would note this correction.

I am copying this letter to Mr McGlone, and I am placing a copy in the Assembly Library.

Reg

SIR REG EMPEY MLA
Minister for Employment and Learning



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

FROM THE MINISTER

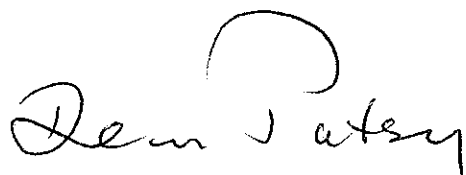


Mr Patsy McGone MLA
Northern Ireland Assembly
Parliament Buildings
Stormont
BELFAST
BT4 3XX

Adelaide House
39/49 Adelaide Street
Belfast
BT2 8FD
Tel: 028 9025 7791
Email: private.office@delni.gov.uk

Our ref: SUB/106/10

7 April 2010



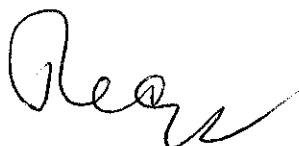
ORAL QUESTION TIME – 22 MARCH 2010

During Question Time on 22 March 2010, in my response to your supplementary question I provided the following answer in relation to the employer incentive payments within the ApprenticeshipsNI Programme:-

“Members will be aware that there is already a financial incentive for an employer to take on an apprentice, and a further financial incentive is paid to the employer if that apprentice completes the course”.

I wish to confirm that an employer does not, in fact, receive a financial incentive when taking on an apprentice. When the apprentice achieves the Full ApprenticeshipsNI Framework and receives an ApprenticeshipsNI Certificate a financial incentive is paid to the employer. I should be grateful if you would note this correction.

I have written to the Speaker explaining this correction, and I am placing a copy in the Assembly Library.



SIR REG EMPEY MLA
Minister for Employment and Learning