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Subject: RE: EDIR:16149, New Request for Information: Due Date 04-10-2017

Here is the only communication I've had. I've not yet had a chance to reply. I received this on the 1st of September.
Gillian

'Dear Gillian

[REDACTED] I am a Member of the House of Keys on the Isle of Man (our Parliament).

I was provided with your contact details by the main reception number at Edinburgh Council as you may be able to help with a query regarding home education.

On the Island we are currently looking at updating our regulations and legislation surrounding home education, specifically to introduce some form of 'light touch' monitoring, such as an annual visit or annual report from home educators to our Department of Education and I came across the Edinburgh policy which seems to already have this sort of process in place.

While the guidance gives a good outline of the policies in place I was wondering if you would be willing to share some information on how this works in practice? I.e. What does the annual report normally include, who assesses the 'suitability' of home education (and on what basis is it assessed), how rigidly is this policy enforced and what enforcement measures are in place if a home educator doesn't consent to a visit or doesn't provide a report .

Part of the reason I am asking is that there is some concern over on the Island amongst home educators that 'nowhere else in the UK' has a requirement for an annual report and having noted the Scottish Government's Statutory Guidance and Edinburgh Council's policy in this area I am just seeking to gather some more evidence.

I appreciate if you don't feel you can share any information with me, but anything you can share would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to contact me my details are all in me e-mail footer.

I look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards

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