

Mr Harding  
By email

**Date** 5 May 2009  
**Our reference** 23-04-2009-120737-001

Dear Mr Harding

### **Request for information**

Thank you for your request for information about Sixth Form funding.

You requested:

*1. The letter reportedly sent out to sixth form in early-March assuring them that there was no funding shortfall*

The LSC has undertaken a search and has been unable to identify a letter as you have described. A letter was issued by the Learning and Skills Council to schools on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, and it is possible that its contents have not been accurately reported. By way of assistance a copy of the letter is attached.

*2. Any emails or communications between the DCSF and Treasury that relate to the funding shortfall from when it was discovered.*

The LSC has undertaken a search and can advise that it does not hold information requested. By way of assistance, the LSC would ordinarily expect any such information to be held by the corresponding bodies specified in your request.

### **Learning and Skills Council**

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*3. The contingency plans the LSC has in place to minimise the disruption the shortfall is going to cause*

Please find below a link to the letter sent to school sixth forms following the announcement in the Budget 2009 to provide additional funding.

[http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/The\\_September\\_Guarantee\\_-\\_April\\_27th.doc](http://readingroom.lsc.gov.uk/lsc/National/The_September_Guarantee_-_April_27th.doc)

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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