

**QUESTION NO 29**

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 8 February 2024**

In the week before Christmas 2023, schools were instructed to immediately send out a parent communication with a privacy notice from the office of the Service Director of Education and Chief Education Officer. It was sent to parents without any explanation other than that this was the 'latest version' of the Education Privacy Notice specific to Digital Learning and Teaching. It has been published as a separate notice to the main Education Privacy Notice.

**Question** (1) Please can you confirm how many previous versions there were that specifically covered Digital Learning and Teaching, the dates of these, and how they had been made available to children and families?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) If there were no previous versions, why did the communication say this was a 'latest version' of Education Privacy Notice on Digital Learning and Teaching?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) In the privacy notice it refers to children now being visible in a Global Address List at a school level. However, it does not mention that for several years, children had been visible in the Global Address List across all Edinburgh schools. FOI reference 45964 shows that not a single child or member of staff at high risk had been hidden in this massive directory. When will every child (and their parents) and members of staff be told the extent to which their data was visible to so many others for years?

**Answer** (3)