

QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the
Convener of the Education, Children
and Families Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 10 December 2020**

Nurseries

- Question** (1) The addendum to Item 7.6 passed by the Education Children & Families Committee on 4 March 2020 stated, “Committee requests to know the amount allocated to each child (on an hourly basis) in Local Authority nurseries”. This information has not been presented to date. Please can it now be presented.
- Answer** (1)
- Question** (2) The addendum welcomed the “independent review” of rates of Partner providers anticipated to start in August 2020. This review has commenced, and CEC has commissioned Scotland Excel to undertake the project – Scotland Excel is funded by Scotland’s 32 local authorities. Please advise how this constitutes an independent review.
- Answer** (2)
- Question** (3) The current approach will involve over 100 Partner providers providing a large amount of detailed and confidential information. Is CEC concerned that this complicated approach runs the risk of Scotland Excel receiving very low engagement and responses which when aggregated will not produce a proper outcome?
- Answer** (3)
- Question** (4) Has any consideration been given by CEC to the formation of an internal working group with representatives from each sector (large & small Partner Providers, Independent schools, Childminders, Charities, Playgroups) working with Scotland Excel?
- Answer** (4)

Question (5) Partner Providers have been advised by Scotland Excel that CEC will not allow them to discuss their recommendations/report with Partner Providers before (or after) submission to CEC. Is there not a case for having the results of the exercise transparent and shared with the Partner Providers prior to submission to CEC?

Answer (5)

Question (6) Why have Partner Providers been advised by CEC that the recommendations of Scotland Excel will not be shared with them at any stage of the process and that they can access some information via FOI requests?

Answer (6)