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Dear Mr Murphy

Thank you for your letters of 15 December 2011 regarding petitions requesting the House to delay the implementation of the National Quality Reform Agenda on long-day childcare. Reference numbers 594/983, 597/986, 596/985, 595/984 and 592/978 refer.

I have noted the petition and appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention. The implementation of the National Quality Reform Agenda on long-day childcare falls within the portfolio responsibilities of the Minister for Employment Participation and the Minister for Early Childhood and Childcare, the Hon Kate MP. I note you have forwarded these petitions to Minister Ellis. Please be assured that Minister Ellis is best placed to address this issue.

Yours sincerely

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