

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

WRITTEN REPLY

MONDAY 23 MAY 2011

TUESDAY 7 JUNE 2011



**FABIAN HAMILTON (LEEDS NORTH EAST):** To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Written Ministerial Statement of 24 March 2011, Official Report, columns 61-2WS, on the Year 1 phonics screening check, how often his Department plans to update the list of approved phonics products and training; and if he will make a statement.

(57169)

**NICK GIBB:**

The process for reviewing publishers' self-assessments of phonics products against the Department's core criteria will continue until at least September 2011. We will consider whether to extend this process further.

Separately, a catalogue containing an approved list of products and training will be available in September 2011 following a procurement exercise. We expect to re-procure products and training for the catalogue by April 2012.

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**FABIAN HAMILTON (LEEDS NORTH EAST):** To ask the Secretary of State for Education, pursuant to the Answer of 16 March 2011, Official Report, columns 423-4W, on independent review panels, on what basis his Department decides whether to pursue a very light-touch process or a more formal application and selection process; and if he will make a statement.

(57167)

**TIM LOUGHTON:**

The Department follows the principles and processes set out in the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice

<http://www.publicappointmentscommissioner.org/codeofpractice/>.

The Code of Practice does not require the Department to apply the full process set out in the Code to posts that fall outside of the Commissioner's remit, and where this is the case a light touch process may be undertaken.

A more formal application and selection process would be undertaken where the post is remunerated.