

## DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES

### **Consultation outcomes on School Teachers' Review Body recommendations and response from the Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families (Ed Balls)**

**The Secretary of State for Children, Schools and Families (Ed Balls):** Following the publication of the 17<sup>th</sup> Report Part 1 of the School Teachers' Review Body (STRB) (Cm 7252) on 15 January 2008, to which I responded in a statement of that date, I have today written to consultees with the outcomes of my consultation on the report and my response. Copies of the letter are available in the Vote Office, the Printed Paper Office and in the Libraries of the House and at <http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/pay>.

I have also considered the outcomes of the consultation on the 17<sup>th</sup> Report Part 2 of the STRB (Cm 7352), published together with my statement on 9 April 2008. I shall be following up a number of recommendations from that report concerning teachers' professional responsibilities and leadership in the context of the next remit which I set for the STRB. I shall also be taking forward the recommendations regarding short-notice teachers' pay arrangements as set out in my 9 April statement, and seeking to ensure that account is taken of the particular position of unattached teachers in both the pay and the wider policy agenda.

I have today also written to the social partners, inviting them to consider what improvements we could make to the experience of teachers in the early years of their career. I believe that such teachers are in particular need of support and that we should together look at ways in which their careers can be given the best possible start. I have placed copies of this letter in the House Library.