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*Ivan,*

Thank you for your letter of 27 January, about the new national funding formula.

I agree that it is not fair that in some areas of the country, non-deprived children who live in areas of deprivation receive more funding than deprived children who live in non-deprived areas. As we have discussed in our meetings, I remain determined to address this symptom of the current, unfair school funding system. We will shortly be publishing a document that sets out our proposed arrangements for 2015-16.

Thank you for writing to me on this important issue. I am sorry that I cannot give you any further information at this stage.

*Yours,  
Mich*

MICHAEL GOVE