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Via E-mail

Dear Dr Robertson

I am writing you in your capacity as Chair of the Scottish Council of Deans of Education. You may be aware the Education, Children and Young People are currently undertaking an inquiry into the provision of additional support for learning. You can read more about the inquiry here—

[Additional Support for Learning \(ASL\) | Scottish Parliament Website](#)

An early theme of this work has been around the capacity of teachers to support the diverse needs of the children in the classroom. The Committee would be interested in how inclusive education practices are covered in Initial Teacher Education courses in Scotland. The Committee is aware that each school of education is, largely, responsible for the content of their courses.

I would be grateful if you could provide summaries of any work the SCDE or researchers in your member organisations has undertaken to quantify and evaluate the support provided to student teachers to develop and support pupils with additional support needs.

The Committee would be grateful if you could provide this information by **Thursday 15 March 2024**, if possible.

Yours sincerely

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