

To: All education stakeholder organisations

**Review of Public Administration: Policy Paper 21 - Sectoral Support  
Post- RPA**

Since the announcement regarding the Review of Public Administration (RPA) in November 2005, the Department of Education has been consulting with stakeholders in order to develop specific proposals for legislation.

The Department of Education issued a number of high level policy papers relating to the Review of Public Administration (RPA) for public consultation between December 2006 and January 2007. At that time, the Department indicated that several further high-level policy papers were still under development, and would be subject to public consultation at a later time. I have attached one of these papers, regarding Sectoral Support Post – RPA.

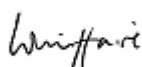
I have also attached the outcome of the screening exercise undertaken to determine the impacts of the high level policy on equality of opportunity, as well as other key dimensions. Although the high level policy has been determined to have a positive impact, stakeholders should be aware that further screening may also be carried out on specific decisions made as a result of the final policy.

Comments on the policy paper and the preliminary screening would be welcomed, and should be sent to the address below by 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007.

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The Department is continuing to work as quickly as possible on further high level policy papers, which will be published for consultation in due course.

Yours sincerely



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