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Mr James Noble-Rogers
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Dear Mr Noble-Rogers,

I wish to refer to your letter of 27 April to the Taoiseach Mr Leo Varadkar TD concerning funding for the North/South SCoTENS Programme.

Although the question of Northern Ireland funding for this initiative is entirely a matter for that administration, the withdrawal of funding has been noted and has been raised at official level by this Government with Northern Ireland counterparts.

The Irish Government understands the importance of this programme in cross-border professional development for teachers as reflected in the continued funding of the programme through our Department of Education. In light of your correspondence, the issue will again be raised with Northern Ireland officials by officials of this Department.

Yours sincerely,

Maura Duffy
Assistant Private Secretary to the Taoiseach