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Dear Barbara


Thank you for your letter dated 30 June 2014 regarding the opportunity for home schooling families to get a second, or third, ERO review opportunity.

There is no provision in ERO's current procedures for carrying out a "follow-up review". All ERO reviews of Homeschooling are carried out at the discretion / request of the Ministry of Education.

ERO makes an overall judgment about whether or not the child is taught at least as well and as regularly as in a registered school. It is then up to the Ministry of Education to make the decision about revoking the exemption.

There is provision for the Ministry of Education to request that ERO reviews a programme again in six months, following an ERO review, if the parents indicate that they accept the findings of the ERO report, intend to address the relevant issues and have already made progress.

Yours sincerely



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