

Soft Drinks Levy

Written Answer

Sarah Wollaston Chair of the Health Select Committee

To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, what assessment he has made of the potential merits of using money raised from the Soft Drinks Industry Levy to support (a) nursery schools and (b) private nurseries in accessing the Children's Food Trust accreditation scheme; and if he will make a statement.

This question was grouped with the following question for answer:

To ask Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, whether he has assessed the potential merits of using money raised through the Soft Drinks Industry Levy to extend the free school meals scheme to (a) nursery schools and (b) private nurseries; and if he will make a statement.

Jane Ellison: Financial Secretary to the Treasury

The Government has already confirmed that, in England, we will invest the Â£1 billion revenue we originally forecast from the Soft Drinks Industry Levy during this parliament in giving school-aged children a better and healthier future, including through doubling the primary school PE and sport premium and expanding school breakfast clubs. The Secretary of State for Education recently set out further details on this, including Â£415m for a new healthy pupils capital programme. The Department for Education will set out more detail in due course.