

QUESTION NO 20

**By Councillor Hinds to be answered
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at
a meeting of the Council on 16
October 2008**

The Convener has had a meeting with parents of Stockbridge Primary School who are concerned about the loss of their school cook. Despite having a fully equipped and functional kitchen, meals for the children have been produced from a remote location and transported to the school. I would be grateful for answers to the following:

- Question** (1) In November 2007 the cook at the school left to fill a maternity cover at another school. Is it the case the school were informed that a temporary replacement would be sought? If the answer is yes, why was no replacement found?
- Question** (2) At the end of the cook's maternity cover why was she not sent back to Stockbridge School?
- Question** (3) Why has this post still not been filled?
- Question** (4) How long has Stockbridge Primary School had a cook on site?
- Question** (5) Has the uptake of school meals dropped since the loss of the cook at the school?
- Question** (6) Are the Department and the Convener concerned about the drop in school meals' uptake in Stockbridge Primary School?
- Question** (7) Has Stockbridge been on any list for mothballing of its kitchen in any reports which have been considered by the Council?

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(8) If the answer is no when will a report be submitted to the Council?