

DIRECTION UNDER SECTION 251 OF THE APPRENTICESHIPS, SKILLS, CHILDREN AND LEARNING ACT 2009

This Direction covers the form, content and publication of information about actual expenditure by all Local Authorities in England, in connection with their education functions and their children's social services functions, for the period 1st April 2011 – 31st March 2012

The Secretary of State for the Department for Education makes the following direction in exercise of the power conferred upon him by section 251 of the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009:

That all Local Authorities ("LAs") in England prepare and submit a statement ("Outturn Statement") containing financial information about:

- how much the LA has spent on their Schools Budget, other education budgets and other children's social services budgets;
- how much of the Schools Budget the LA has retained centrally and spent on schools.

So that meaningful comparisons of the expenditure may be made between all LAs, all Outturn Statements must be prepared in a common format. For 2011-12 LAs will be able to upload their data directly on to the Department's centralised data collection and management system for education COLLECT (Collections On-Line for Learning, Education, Children and Teachers).

LAs must submit their Outturn Statement for the period to the Department for Education, via the Department's COLLECT website, to arrive by 25th August 2012.

The LA's Outturn Statement must be made available as follows:

- **to every school, including nursery schools, maintained by the authority:** the authority must provide a hard copy of each outturn statement to the governing body and head teacher of each school maintained by them if in the unlikely event they do not have access to the Internet;
- **to the general public:** the authority must make a copy of the whole statement available at the education offices of the LA for inspection by parents and others in the community at all reasonable times and free of charge;

- **on a website:** the authority must make a copy of the whole statement available on a website which is maintained by the authority and accessible by the public.

Signed

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