

Via email

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Dear Colleague

STANDARDS FOR ENGLAND ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 2010

As you will be aware the Government has announced that there will be provisions in its proposed Decentralisation and Localism bill 'to abolish the Standards Board regime'.

We are making changes to our plans, to reflect the new situation, and I am writing to you now in relation to one of our planned key events, the Annual Assembly due to take place at the International Convention Centre (ICC), Birmingham, on 18 and 19 October this year.

We do not expect the draft bill to be published until the autumn, when we can expect to understand better the implications for local government, and know to what extent any local standards framework is proposed. This will be too late to inform our event preparations, and in consultation with CLG we have now taken the decision to cancel the 2010 Annual Assembly.

Our external event partners – Benedict Business Resources – will be writing shortly to individuals who are already booked to attend the event, and I thought you would appreciate this advance notice. Delegates will receive a full refund, with Benedict's contacting individual delegates directly with the necessary details in next few days.

We are contacting our scheduled event speakers to let them know of the decision. In the meantime, if you need clarity on any specific issues, please do call our enquiries line.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive