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**Subject:** RE: SQA Website Feedback - andrew.learmonth@heraldandtimes.co.uk  
**Date:** 21 February 2023 18:35:00

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Hi [REDACTED],

Here's our comment for your piece:

A spokesperson for SQA said: "Every year, Scotland's education system relies on the work of thousands of dedicated teachers and lecturers.

"Thus far, we have had a good response from teachers to take on paid marker work and we hope that this continues.

"The industrial action is a matter between teaching unions, COSLA and the Scottish Government.

"We sincerely hope that the dispute is resolved, in the interests of learners."

-ENDS-

Many thanks,

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No worries. Thanks, Kat.

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Hi [REDACTED] just to say we'll have a response with you soon, but it's likely to be 6.30pm  
Best  
Kat

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OK – cheers [REDACTED]. We'll be in touch.

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It's for tomorrow's paper so ideally before 6pm tonight, if possible?

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Hi [redacted] – thanks for this, we'll take a look and get back to you. When do you need a reply by?

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**Telephone Number** [redacted]

**Reason for Contact**

Hello, [redacted] from The Herald here. Just looking at the latest release from the EIS. [redacted] said: ?In response to requests from our members, I have now also now written to members in the Secondary sector with guidance in relation to entering into voluntary arrangements for the marking of SQA exam papers. "While the marking of SQA exams papers is a voluntary activity and is therefore not part of our dispute with employers, many members have expressed an unwillingness to sign up as SQA markers while this pay dispute is ongoing. Having taken legal advice on this matter, the EIS can confirm that our members are absolutely within their rights to decline or delay signing up as SQA markers while the pay dispute remains unresolved. "It is entirely a matter for each member to decide if they wish, or do not wish, to enter into a voluntary agreement with the SQA to mark exam scripts.? Can you say what this means? Do you have any contingency in place for this? Cheers, [redacted]

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