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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

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Mr Mervyn Stevens  
Complaints Officer  
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6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Mr Stevens,

I am writing to you to ask you to look into the use of statistics and the provision of context around them in a message from the "School Cuts" campaign in relation to school funding. For reference, the campaign's website is [schoolcuts.org.uk](http://schoolcuts.org.uk).

On the homepage of the website, it says "91% of schools face funding cuts." This is inaccurate. Whether measured in real or nominal terms, or 'real terms per pupil', it is inaccurate to claim that between now and 2019/2020 (the last date where spending plans for schools are available), 91% of schools face spending cuts.

I hope you ensure that this misuse of statistics is investigated and corrected.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Cleverly'.

James Cleverly