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Mervyn Storey has asked:

To ask the Minister of Education to outline her Department's definition of "social bigotry" in the context of her answer to a supplementary question to AQO 197/11 on 4 October 2010; and how this definition applies to non-denominational grammar schools and maintained grammar schools.

ANSWER

Cuidíonn úsáid na scrúduithe éalaithe i scoileanna gramadaí, cibé acu is scoil shainchreidmheach nó scoil neamh-shainchreidmheach í, leis na míchothromaíochtaí a bhí soiléir nuair a bhí an scrúdú aistrithe státurraithe in úsáid a chaomhnú.

The use of breakaway tests by grammar schools, whether denominational or non-denominational, serves to perpetuate the inequalities evident when a state sponsored transfer test was in use.

Only 6% of pupils in grammar schools are FSME (free school meal entitled) compared to 26% in non-selective schools. This illustrates that academic selection does not offer equality of access to a grammar school education.