

CYPE(5)-19-20 - Paper to note 3

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Dear Lynne,

Debate of Estyn's 2018-19 Annual Report

You will be aware that Estyn's 2018-19 Annual Report was published on 26th February 2020.

The report reflected on the key developments in education over the last 3 years and recognised the progress that has been made since the publication of the Curriculum for Wales' guidance. The report also highlighted the strengths and improvements in different sectors and some of the challenges that remained.

I understand that Meilyr Rowlands, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector and his Strategic Directors, Jassa Scott and Claire Morgan attended CYPE Committee on 11th March to discuss the report.

Usually, once Estyn's Annual Reports are published I lead a debate on the reports in plenary. The 2018-19 Estyn Annual Report was due to be debated during the summer term. However, due to the COVID-19 outbreak the debate was not scheduled as the Senedd was only considering matters in relation to the pandemic crisis and urgent business.

I am aware that the plenary forward work programme for September to December has been issued and my officials have approached me to ask whether I wish to proceed with a debate on Estyn's 2018-19 Annual report.

Considering the delay in time between the publication of the 2018-19 report and a potential date in the autumn term to debate the report, I wondered whether this would be the most effective use of plenary time and whether the committee believed it would be more appropriate to lay the report before the Senedd to note.

Estyn's 2019-20 Annual Report is due to be published on 9th December. I will lead a debate on that report early in 2021.

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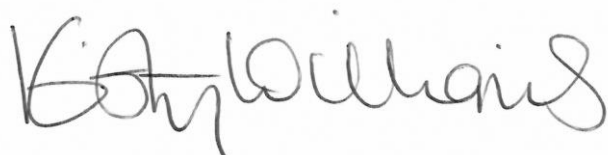
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I would welcome your views.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kirsty Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping underline.

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