

## CYPE(5)-31-20 - Paper to note 1

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**Pwyllgor Diwylliant, y Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu**

Welsh Parliament

**Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee**

Kirsty Williams MS  
Minister for Education

24 November 2020

Dear Kirsty,

### **Issues arising from the Committee's meeting on 12 November with the National Library of Wales**

On 12 November the Committee held an evidence session with the National Library of Wales during which the issue of the new curriculum for Wales was discussed. In response to a question by Mick Antoniw MS, the National Librarian Pedr ap Llwyd said:

“We believe the national library, with its collections, has a huge contribution to make to teaching and to the national curriculum in Wales, and I believe the reviewers make that point pretty strongly. There has been no connection at all, no communication at all, between the library and education officials in Welsh Government. As you know too well, we work within the culture section, and we would really, really welcome a discussion to amplify to the education Minister the contribution the national library could make to assist the delivery of bilingual material that would assist teachers, pupils and institutions hugely.”<sup>1</sup>

The National Library has considerable resources which could support the Welsh Government's aims and ambitions in terms of the development of the new curriculum for Wales. As a Committee, we can see clear potential benefits for further cooperation and engagement between both parties in this area.

In light of the above, I would be grateful for your views on what consideration the Welsh Government have given to maximising the use of the National Library's assets in the development of the curriculum. I would also be grateful if you could arrange a meeting between the Welsh Government and the National Library to engage further on this subject and provide the Committee with an update when it has taken place.

<sup>1</sup> Record of Proceedings, paragraphs 70 and 71 – 12 November 2020



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I am copying this letter to the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism; the Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee; and to the National Library of Wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Mary Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Helen Mary Jones

Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

