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BY   **Carwyn Jones AM, First Minister and Huw Lewis AM, Minister for Education and Skills**

In July 2012, an independent Review Group, chaired by Professor Sioned Davies, was established to advise on improving Welsh second language provision at Key Stages 3 and 4. The main objective of the Group was to consider what changes should be made to enable more learners to use the language outside the classroom, in their communities and in future employment.

"One language for all", published today (http://wales.gov.uk/topics/educationandskills/publications/wagreviews/one-lanuage-for-all/?lang=en), reflects the findings of the Group's work. We very much welcome this report, which makes a number of important recommendations. We will now take time to reflect on the recommendations in the context of the wider review of assessment and the National Curriculum, and work being taken forward in response to the review of qualifications and the discussion on the future of the Welsh language. We will respond in full to all these recommendations in due course.

In the meantime, we would like to express our gratitude to Professor Sioned Davies and the following Members of the Review Group for all their work in producing the report and the recommendations:

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