

Kirsty Williams AM
Cabinet Secretary for Education

20 March 2018

Dear Kirsty,

The Children, Young People and Education Committee is planning to hold a one-off scrutiny session with the WJEC and Qualifications Wales on 2 May 2018. The purpose of the session is to consider the provision of textbooks and learning resources for pupils taking reformed general qualifications (GCSEs and A Levels) in Wales. We are particularly concerned about the availability of Welsh medium resources and the resources available in specific subjects.

We have heard anecdotal concerns that some pupils have not had access to the resources, in the language of their choice, that they feel necessary to achieve their potential.

We have received letters from WJEC and Qualifications Wales setting out their position.

We would be grateful to receive views or information from the Welsh Government on the following areas:

- whether there is a shortage of the necessary Welsh-medium, or English-medium, text books or learning resources, for pupils in Wales undertaking their GCSEs and A levels;
- whether there are any shortages or issues in any particular subjects;

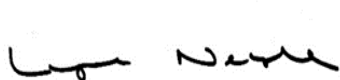


- whether stakeholders believe any of the reported difficulties will have/has had an impact on pupil outcomes;
- stakeholders confidence in the availability of resources and textbooks in future, given the increasing distinctiveness of the Welsh curriculum;
- the role of the WJEC and Qualifications Wales in ensuring the adequate provision of resources; and
- any other thoughts or comments on the provision of learning resources in Wales.

The stakeholders listed in the Annex to this letter have also be asked to respond to the points above.

We would be grateful to receive a response by **Thursday 19 April 2018**.

Yours sincerely



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Cadeirydd / Chair



ANNEX

Written consultees

- Children's Commissioner
- Welsh Language Commissioner
- Estyn
- ERW
- EAS
- CSCJES
- GwE
- NAHT Cymru
- ASCL Cymru
- NEU
- NASUWT
- UCAC
- Voice Cymru

