Dear Minister,

School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Bill – supplementary evidence following 9 May 2012 meeting

Thank you for attending this morning’s meeting to give oral evidence to the Children and Young People Committee in connection with the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Bill. At the meeting you agreed to provide the following:

- a table setting out how the grounds for intervention provided for in section 2 of the Bill differ from the existing grounds, including the rationale for those differences;

- the number of schools that had failed an inspection by Her Majesty’s Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales in the last annual reporting year, including an estimate of those where local authorities could have taken action under their existing powers of intervention;

- examples of instances where additional governors have been appointed to a governing body under existing powers of intervention; and

- examples of instances when the Minister has exercised his power to intervene in the running of local authorities’ education services and all associated costs (including Pembrokeshire County Council and Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council education services).
I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

Christine Chapman AM
Chair