

Kirsty Williams
Cabinet Secretary for Education

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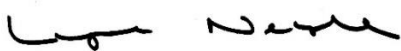
Dear Kirsty

Thank you for attending the Children, Young People and Education Committee today for the general scrutiny session. The Committee found it really useful.

During the session, a question was asked relating to the number of individuals expected to benefit from the National Academy for Educational Leadership. You offered to provide this information in writing and I would be grateful for your response on this.

Also, as I outlined at the end of the session, there were a number of finance related questions that we did not have time to cover, and you agreed to provide a written response to these. I have attached the additional questions at Annex A, and would appreciate your response in due course.

Yours sincerely



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Annex A

Budget allocations

Final Budget 2017-18

- Between the draft budget and Final Budget 2017-18, there was a total net increase of £5.436 million to the Education Resource budget across several budget Actions. The Explanatory Note said there was ‘an additional £3.2 million to support our ambition to ensure everyone has an opportunity to achieve their full potential’. How do the two figures relate to each other? What is the £3.2 million made up of?
- Can the Cabinet Secretary provide more information on how the additional £5.436 million allocated to the Education Resource budget is being used?

First Supplementary Budget 2017-18

- Can the Cabinet Secretary confirm that since the time of issuing her paper to the Committee, there are no further changes to budget allocations in the Education MEG planned in the First Supplementary Budget.
- What were the reasons responsibility for careers advice and sponsorship of Careers Wales was transferred outside hers and Alun Davies’ portfolios to Ken Skates/Julie James? Are there other examples of overlap between Alun Davies and Julie James’ responsibilities where similar considerations may have to be made? *(For example vocational qualifications is with Alun Davies and skills policy and apprenticeships is with Julie James.)*

