

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at y Cyfarfod Llawn  
Information Further to Plenary**

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**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0298(ESK) a gyhoeddwyd gan Huw Lewis, y  
Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau, ar 16 Gorffennaf 2013  
Information further to OAQ(4)0298(ESK) issued by Huw Lewis, the Minister for  
Education and Skills, on 16 July 2013**

**At/To Aled Roberts:**

I am writing in response to the points you raised in Plenary on 3 July in relation to the University of Edinburgh's research report. First, you were concerned that the Welsh Government no longer required the registration of pupil referral units (PRUs). It is a requirement of the Education Act 1996 that all PRUs must be registered with the Welsh Government. The Welsh Government should also be notified when an existing PRU is closed.

You were also concerned that the attainment of looked-after children and those with additional learning needs (ALN) in PRUs was not being properly targeted and asked that I consider the University of Edinburgh's research. There are a number of recommendations coming from the Edinburgh report which I believe will directly support activity in this area including developing clear aims and purposes for PRUs and identifying, promoting and disseminating good examples of curricula in PRUs which meet current standards.

The Welsh Government is also planning to introduce new legislation in 2014 to make it a statutory requirement for local authorities to establish management committees for all their PRUs. We will support the introduction of the legislation with new guidance on the roles, responsibilities and constitution of management committees. The new legislation and guidance is intended not only to improve the leadership and management of PRUs but, in doing so, to drive up standards in PRUs.

That said, it is clear from the Edinburgh University research that more still needs to be done, not just in supporting the needs of looked after children in out of school provision, but also children with ALN. This is why the Edinburgh University research findings and recommendations is being used as an important evidence base to help inform the work of the LAC reference group set up to develop the strategy to improve the educational attainment of looked after children in Wales.

I will update members in the autumn, as work in this area progresses.

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0294(ESK) a gyhoeddwyd gan Huw Lewis, y  
Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau, ar 16 Gorffennaf 2013  
Information further to OAQ(4)0294(ESK) issued by Huw Lewis, the Minister for  
Education and Skills, on 16 July 2013**

**At/To William Powell:**

On 3 July, you asked me to outline my views on the scope of the review into Education for Sustainable Development and Global Citizenship and to update the Chamber at an early opportunity. I agreed to respond to you in writing.

Having looked into the question you raised, I can confirm that I am pleased that Estyn has been remitted to carry out a review into ESDGC. I am committed to ESDGC and the review will provide a clear indication of how effectively it has been embedded since 2006, when Estyn produced a baseline report on this issue.

Estyn is due to report in mid 2014. The report will be published on Estyn's website. I will consider any recommendations that Estyn make and will respond formally. My response will be published on the Welsh Government website.

**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0305(ESK) a gyhoeddwyd gan Huw Lewis, y  
Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau, ar 16 Gorffennaf 2013  
Information further to OAQ(4)0305(ESK) issued by Huw Lewis, the Minister for  
Education and Skills, on 16 July 2013**

**At/To Aled Roberts:**

Further to Oral Assembly Question (OAQ(4)0305ESK) answered on 3 July, I agreed to write to you in relation to your question on whether money has been set aside for the communications strategy to deal with the outcomes of the Review of Qualifications.

I intend to publish a communication strategy in relation to the Review of Qualifications in autumn 2013. The strategy has been costed and communications events and activities planned for 2013-14 can be funded from within the Education and Skills Main Expenditure Group for 2013-14 (Budget Expenditure Line - Qualifications including Welsh Baccalaureate) Communications events and activities planned for 2014-15 will be announced in the autumn. They will be fully costed and appropriate funds will be committed.