

Leighton Andrews AC / AM
Y Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau
Minister for Education and Skills



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-437
Ein cyf/Our ref LA/07453/12

William Powell AM

committeebusiness@Wales.gsi.gov.uk

13 December 2012

Deo Molltan

Thank you for your letter of 28 November regarding a petition led by Wendy Charles-Warner and enclosing the supporting briefing document which I have also received direct from Mrs Charles-Warner.

A consultation on proposals for the introduction of a compulsory registration and monitoring system for those who elect to provide home-based education was launched on 31 August. The consultation ran for twelve weeks and provided an opportunity for all stakeholders, including home educators, local authorities and those who are home educated to comment on and inform further policy development of the proposals. The consultation exercise closed on the 23 November, and over 500 responses have been received.

I will ensure that the petition and the concerns raised in the document are noted and considered as part of the consultation process. My officials are currently compiling a summary of the points raised during the consultation period. The analysis of the responses will be published early in the New Year and a Written Ministerial Statement will indicate how I intend to proceed.

*Yours sincerely,
Leighton Andrews*

Leighton Andrews AC / AM
Y Gweinidog Addysg a Sgiliau
Minister for Education and Skills