

From the Office of Leighton Andrews AM

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SIR JOHN BOURN
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Dear Sir John

On October 8th the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales issued a report by its auditors on the collapse of the planned merger between the University of Glamorgan and the UWIC.

The report raises serious issues in relation to the merger process, particularly in respect of UWIC as an institution.

Universities are relatively autonomous institutions, albeit ones reliant on public funding.

I am writing to ask whether it is within your powers to examine the conduct of Universities in Wales in regard to value for money issues or in respect of their use of public money.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

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