

Equality of Opportunity Committee

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Venue:Committee Room 3, Senedd

Title:Assembly Parliamentary Service Annual Equality Report 2005-06

Purpose

To seek the Committee's views on the Assembly Parliamentary Service Annual Equality Report 2005-06.

Background

The report attached at Annex 1 outlines the work undertaken in APS between April 2005 and March 2006 to ensure that the business of the Assembly is conducted with due regard to the principle that there should be equality of opportunity for all people as previously required by section 48 of the Government of Wales Act 1998

In response to the suggestions of Members of the Equality of Opportunity Committee at their meeting on 24 November 2005 the report distinguishes more clearly between the processes implemented in order to ensure equality of opportunity within the work of APS and the outcomes which have resulted from these processes. The draft report also sets out clear arrangements for the regular monitoring of work undertaken to promote equality across APS and provides information on progress made since the end of March 2006 and future plans.

The APS Annual Equality Report was considered by the House Committee on 12 October 2006.

A report on progress made by the in implementing the APS Race Equality Scheme during 2005-06 is attached as Annex 2. This report was considered by House Committee on 13 July 2006.

Action for the Committee

Members are asked to provide feedback on the APS Annual Equality Report 2005-06.

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