

Kirsty Williams AM
Cabinet Secretary for Education

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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Thank you for agreeing to attend the Committee meeting on Wednesday 14 June from 09.30 – 11.00.

The main purpose of the session is to undertake general scrutiny of the areas in your portfolio that fall within the Committee's remit. The Committee would specifically like to focus on educational improvement and at the meeting the Committee would welcome the opportunity to discuss the following:

- The Committee understands that the Welsh Government is to publish a refreshed educational improvement plan to succeed Qualified for Life. If the plan is available, the Committee would like to discuss this in the session on 14 June, along with the Welsh Government's response to the OECD's Rapid Policy Assessment.
- The Committee would also like to discuss progress against your ten education priorities.
- The Committee is keen to undertake some in-year financial scrutiny and would like the opportunity to discuss the latest allocations within the Education Main Expenditure Group (MEG). Depending on the timing of the First Supplementary Budget, the Committee would welcome details of the latest Budget Expenditure Line (BEL) allocations within the MEG and any changes to these since the 2017-18 Final Budget. It would be useful if you could provide an updated table for the 2017-18 Education MEG, giving allocations at BEL level, current in-year expenditure and projected outturns.



- If the Supplementary Budget has not been announced by the deadline for this information, the committee would like a summary of any changes to prioritisation or expected outputs within the portfolio. This would include whether there are any expected changes to allocations planned in the First Supplementary budget and whether you are expecting to need to reprioritise funding from allocations made in the final budget or making any bids for additional funds later in the financial year.

We look forward to receiving your paper including the information outlined above by Thursday 1st June.

Yours sincerely



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