

Kirsty Williams AM
Cabinet Secretary for Education

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Dear Kirsty

As you will be aware, during the meeting on 6 December, the Children, Young People and Education Committee held a session with Qualifications Wales to scrutinise its Annual Report for 2015–16. During that session some issues were raised that the Committee wanted to follow up with you.

An issue was raised with Qualifications Wales regarding the availability of text books in the Welsh language for qualifications that are being pursued on a Welsh–medium basis. During discussions Qualifications Wales confirmed that, at present, ‘sufficiency’ in terms of the resources that are available was not defined. Qualifications Wales confirmed that they would be undertaking a piece of work on this matter, however, in advance of any work undertaken, can you confirm:

What work has the Welsh Government done to establish whether there is a shortage of Welsh language materials, and if there is, what action has been taken to rectify this?

Who is responsible for defining what ‘sufficiency’ means in relation to the availability of resources to the learner?

Following on from this, the Committee was also concerned that Welsh–medium text books were not being produced because this was not seen to be financially viable.

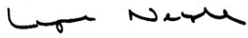
Can you confirm whether, if it is not considered viable to produce particular Welsh–medium text books, there is any scope to combine the production of



those specific books with other text books that are considered financially viable?

I look forward to your response regarding these matters.

Yours sincerely,



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