

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Correspondence in relation to Welsh rugby

Earlier this year, following reports of difficulties in relation to the Participation Agreement between the WRU and the four regions, the Committee [wrote](#) to the WRU, Regional Rugby Wales and the WRU district secretaries inviting them to submit written statements setting out their respective views about:

- the issues that have instigated the current dispute about the Participation Agreement;
- any action needed in order to ensure that such a situation does not occur again in the future;
- any views or concerns about the governance and funding arrangements for rugby in Wales, and whether any improvements need to be made to ensure the game's sustainability in the longer term.

We have considered all the [responses](#), which we believe to be comprehensive. While it was useful to seek these views and to make them publicly available, we have come to the conclusion that we are not able to add anything further to the process that is already underway.

While the differences between the parties have been well documented over the past few months, we are conscious that events have moved on since we initially invited views. In particular, it would seem that progress is being made with regard to future participation in European competitions, and we hope that agreement on this can be reached shortly. We further hope that any new agreement will lead to an improved relationship between the WRU and the regions in the future.