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Education (Wales) Bill

Thank you for your letter of 27 September, following the Finance Committee's consideration of the Education (Wales) Bill on 25 September.

As requested, please find attached a written evidence paper for the Finance Committee's scrutiny with further information on the financial costs and implications of widening the registration and regulation of education practitioners.

I trust that the Committee will find this paper helpful.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huw Lewis', written in a cursive style.

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Title: Education {Wales} Bill 2013

Purpose

To provide an evidence paper for the Finance Committee with further information on the financial costs and implications of widening the registration and regulation of education practitioners.

The General Teaching Council for Wales (GTCW) is self financing in respect of its core functions and raises its funds through an annual registration fee from teachers. The income generated for the year ending March 2012 for the registration fee was £1,706,000.

Options 2 and 3 of the RIA follow the principle that the Council would continue to be self financing in respect of its core functions and would raise its funds through an annual registration fee from those required to register. It also assumes that the registration fee remains at £45 per person.

Option 2: Registration of school based education practitioners.

This would require 14,900 teaching assistants to register (figures based on ASHE survey 2012¹). Assuming that the registration fee remains at £45 per person and the income generated for teachers remains at £1,706,000 this would generate a total core income of £2,376,500.

Option 3; Registration of the wider education workforce.

This would require 72,500 people in the wider education workforce to register (figures based on ASHE survey 2012). Assuming that the registration fee remains at £45 per person and the income generated for teachers remains at £1,706,000 this would generate a total core income of £3,258,500.

The RIA also highlights the funding the GTCW currently receives by way of grants from the Welsh Government. This is to undertake specific work on our behalf and should not be confused with the income the GTCW generates itself through the registration fee.

I would also like to take this opportunity to highlight an error at point 307 of the Explanatory Memorandum. The paragraph refers to a cost of £15,000 for an application for registration case. This is incorrect and should read £1,500.

¹ The Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) published by the Office for National Statistics provides information about the levels, distribution and make-up of earnings and paid hours worked for employees within industries, occupations and regions. It can be accessed here: <http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/ashe/annual-survey-of-hours-and-earnings/2012-provisional-results/stb-ashe-statistical-bulletin-2012.html>