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Dear Lynne,

Thank you for your recent correspondence.

As you rightly say, RhAG have shared their national overview of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans 2017-20 with me and I subsequently met with them to discuss their concerns. The Welsh Language Commissioner has also shared her concerns with me. I can assure you that both sets of correspondence have and will be taken into consideration.

In my statement in plenary on the 14th March, I voiced my concerns about some of the plans. I also wanted to emphasise my message to Local Authorities that the way forward for the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans is through collaboration and partnership working. That is why I have appointed Aled Roberts to carry out a rapid review of the plans involving meeting with all Local Authorities to gain their thoughts and views.

He is due to complete his work at the end of April/early May and will provide me with a report on his findings.

I am happy to share the content of that report with you when it becomes available. This will I'm sure be useful for you in the wider context of your consideration of the Welsh in Education Strategic Plans.

We know that the WESPs have the potential to support the delivery of Welsh Government's Welsh-medium education strategy. Our work will continue on strengthening our partnership working with Local Authorities both locally and regionally so we may maximise opportunities that collaboration and sharing ideas may bring.

Yours sincerely

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