

Children, Young People and Education Committee

Meeting Venue: **Committee Room 1 – Senedd**

Meeting date: **Wednesday, 9 July 2014**

Meeting time: **09.31 – 11.26**

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Concise Minutes:

Assembly Members:

Ann Jones AM (Chair)
Keith Davies AM
Suzy Davies AM
Bethan Jenkins AM
Lynne Neagle AM
David Rees AM
Aled Roberts AM
Simon Thomas AM

Witnesses:

Huw Lewis AM, Minister for Education and Skills
Grace Martins, Senior Lawyer, Welsh Government
Marcus Richards, Welsh Government
Neil Surman, Welsh Government
Adam Turbervill, Welsh Government

Committee Staff:

Gareth Rogers (Second Clerk)
Sarah Bartlett (Deputy Clerk)
Anne Thomas (Researcher)
Gwyn Griffiths (Legal Advisor)

TRANSCRIPT

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1 Introductions, apologies and substitutions

The Chair welcomed Members to the meeting. Apologies were received from Angela Burns, there was no substitute.

The Chair thanked Rebecca Evans for all her hard work during her time on the Committee.

2 Higher Education (Wales) Bill – Evidence session 7

The Committee took evidence from the Member in charge of the Bill, the Minister for Education and Skills, and his officials.

The Minister agreed to provide a note on the following:

Given that the Bill as drafted does not require all the regulations specified to be made ‘must’ by the Welsh Ministers, can the Minister confirm if there is sufficient legislative provision in the Bill to enable HEFCW to undertake all of its functions effectively and deliver all the Welsh Government’s policy intentions;

Clarification on points raised in the evidence from HEW regarding Power to refuse to approve a fee and access plan and;

A definition as to what the term ‘provided’ within S17 means and clarification on the validation programmes overseas / courses validated by an institution from Wales / courses validated at an institution overseas, outside Wales, but not necessarily a franchise.

3 Papers to note

The papers were noted

3.1 Letter from the Minister for Education and Skills following the meeting on 5 June 2014

3.2 Letter from the Minister for Education and Skills to the Chair of the Finance Committee

3.3 Letter from the Minister for Education and Skills to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

4 Consideration of Committee forward work programme

The Committee considered the forward work programme.

