

**Y Pwyllgor Cyfrifon Cyhoeddus a
Gweinyddiaeth Gyhoeddus**

**Public Accounts and Public
Administration Committee**

Lynne Neagle MS
Cabinet Secretary for Education

24 July 2025

Covering Teachers Absence

Dear Lynne,

You will recall that you wrote to the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee on 5 February 2025, setting out the Welsh Government's response to our report 'on 'Supply and Demand: Covering Teachers Absence'.

The response broadly accepted all of our recommendations but some of the responses were a cause of concern with many of the timescales for action remaining unclear. Furthermore, several of the actions identified were associated with the new Strategic Education Workforce Plan, which had, at the time, only recently been announced by you as the Cabinet Secretary for Education.

There were also several points in the response which committed to providing an update "in due course" which we have not received. Given a reasonable amount of time has elapsed since the response was sent to us, I request a full update on the action taken in response to our recommendations and for that to be received by early September.

The update should include an explanation in any cases where matters may not have progressed as anticipated and provide clearer timescales than in the original response for further action.

Regards,



Mark Isherwood MS
Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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