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National Assembly for Wales

Children, Young People and Education Committee

'Fair Deal for Supply Teachers'
By email: rknig14652@aol.com

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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your correspondence of 22 July relating to arrangements for supply teachers in Wales, sent to all Assembly Members. You requested a response from me in my capacity as Chair of the National Assembly for Wales' Children, Young People and Education Committee.

The current Committee was established on 28 June 2016 to examine legislation and hold the Welsh Government to account by scrutinising its expenditure, administration and policy matters, encompassing (but not restricted to): the education, health and well-being of the children and young people of Wales, including their social care. While the current Committee has not discussed supply teaching in detail, our predecessor Committee – charged with similar responsibilities during the Fourth Assembly (2011-2015) – undertook a comprehensive inquiry into supply teaching, reporting in December 2015. It is the recommendations of this Committee to which you draw attention in your open letter to AMs.

In light of your correspondence, I will write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Kirsty Williams AM, to ask for an update on progress relating to each of the key conclusions and recommendations made in that report, requesting in particular a detailed outline of the steps taken to implement the report's first recommendation. Once a response is received, I will ensure that it is shared with you and published on the Committee's website. While the Committee's programme is heavy with legislative, policy and financial scrutiny in the autumn term, I will ensure that the Cabinet Secretary's response is considered by the Committee and that you are updated on any action deemed necessary by the Committee in light of the response received.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

