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Amrygl Ieuan Wyn Jones,

Mae'r Gweinidog dros Addysg a Dysgu Gydol Oes wedi gofyn i mi ymateb i'r cwestiynau canlynol sy'n cyfeirio at waith y Cyngor Cenedlaethol – ELWa. Mae'r cwestiynau a'r atebion wedi'u pennu isod. Byddaf yn parhau â'r ateb yn y Saesneg.

Will the Minister give the names of the members of the Audit Committee established by the National Council for Education and Training for Wales. (WAQ22271)

Will the Minister list the qualifications of the members of the Audit Committee of the National Council for Education and Training in Wales. (WAQ22281)

The members of the National Council's Audit & Risk Committee are:

Mr Keith McDonogh, Chairman
Professor Sir Adrian Webb
Dr Sonia Reynolds
Mr Neil Mallett, co-opted member.

The composition of the Committee is consistent with recognised good practice and specifically the Council's Audit Code of Practice, which stipulates that at least one member should have a background in finance, accounting or auditing but that membership should not be drawn exclusively from people with such a background.

Until recently, Mr Mallett was a partner in the firm of accountants Panel Kerr Forster. The other members have a broad range of relevant experience in senior management, education and training. The composition of the Committee therefore meets the requirement of the Code of Practice.

Mr Laurie Pavelin of the Assembly Government and Mr Mike Usher of the NAO also attend the committee as observers.

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Will the Minister publish full details of the contract between the National Council for Education and Training in Wales and PKF Consultancy, the number of days the Consultancy has already worked for the National Council and the daily cost of the work carried out. (WAQ22271)

PKF were appointed to undertake a contract on the development of a National Planning Framework and Funding System in April 2002. They were appointed following a selective tender process under the approved Government S-CAT procedure. Theirs was the lowest tender .

The original contract was for a total of £433,000 including VAT, representing 350 consultant days and including a 10 per cent discount on S-CAT rates. The contract was for a six month period, with the Council having the discretion to extend the contract for a further six months.

A longer and more intensive consultation process than originally envisaged necessitated an extension to the original contract. After due procurement process, the contract was extended to an additional 130 consultant days at a cost of £164,335 including VAT, with a 10 per cent discount on S-CAT rates.

The consultants completed their work in January and we are awaiting their final invoice. The estimated total contract cost is £588,567 and the estimated total number of consultant days is 458. In addition, expenses are expected to total £16,981.

The estimated average daily consultant cost is £1,285, including VAT.

Will the Minister publish the guidelines adopted by the National Council for Education and Training In Wales as to the need to provide further education through the medium of the Welsh language. (WAQ22275)

Part II of the National Council-ELWa's draft Welsh Language Scheme outlines the Council's strategy for bilingualism for the next three years. The scheme includes information on four strands that will develop Welsh medium and bilingual education and training in the post-16 sector, and also Welsh for Adults.

The NC-ELWa will shortly begin a public consultation on the draft scheme before submitting it to the Welsh Language Board for approval. The draft scheme will be available on the Council's website shortly.

Will the Minister publish details of the contract between the National Council for Education and Training in Wales and a call centre operated in Nottingham, to which inquiries for courses advertised on S4C were directed. (WAQ 22276)

Will the minister publish details of all complaints received by the National Council for Education and Training in Wales about its use of a call centre in Nottingham. (WAQ22277)