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Dear James,

On 25 November you submitted a Written Question asking what assessment have I made of the ability of local authorities to provide education courses through the medium of Welsh.

The Welsh Ministers prepared standards within the [Welsh Language Standards \(No. 1\) Regulations 2015](#) which allows the Welsh Language Commissioner to place duties on local authorities in respect to providing education courses through the medium of Welsh. Standard number 84 within those regulations requires local authorities to offer courses provided to the public in Welsh, and standard 85 requires them to offer courses aimed specifically to persons aged 18 or under in Welsh. There is also a standard (number 86) which places a duty on local authorities to assess the need for a course to be offered in Welsh, and to publish the assessment on their website.

It is a matter for the Welsh Language Commissioner to decide which of these standards to impose on individual local authorities, and to monitor their compliance with standards. I shall raise this matter with the Commissioner in our next quarterly meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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