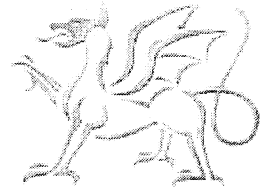


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De Leighton

I refer to WAQ39360 in which you asked what research has been undertaken on the additional costs of teaching through the medium of Welsh, and in particular on whether the unit cost per pupil/student falls given a certain critical mass.

Aside from the research commissioned by ELWa in relation to post-16 provision referred to in the reply to WAQ 39361, I am not aware of any such research.

Yes,

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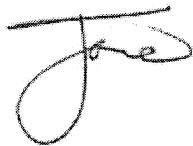
This link between sparsity and sixth form size suggests that unitary authorities with lower population density, and hence smaller sixth forms, incur some additional relative spend per pupil.

C) Welsh Medium Teaching

ELWA commissioned a research project to determine both where, and to what extent, additional costs were incurred by Welsh language provision. The report indicates that there is little difference between Welsh Medium and Bilingual provision (both requiring an uplift of about one quarter) but that where a particular cohort of students is split to create both a Welsh Medium and an English Medium class, there is a significantly higher cost.

The National Council will consider appropriate weightings in the light of this evidence at its November meeting and present its final proposals to me soon after.

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