

Consultation Questions

Section 1

1. Do you agree with the reasons given for promoting and learning languages on pages 4 and 5, and that these are the main reasons for supporting current language initiatives in Scotland? If not, why not?

Yes, I do. But then there is little consistency with the rest of the report, in particular in connection with the Scots language. Scotland has custody of the language, and a unique responsibility. It is recognised as a language but denied a proper place in the education

	system. I believe Scots should have the Status that Catalan has in Catalonia.
2. Do you agree that the language initiatives described on pages 6 – 12 and elsewhere are the key areas for language promotion in Scotland? If not, why not?	Scots is said not to be an endangered language. This simply is not true. Scots will disappear very soon or will merge with English shortly if nothing is done in that field... There is basically no language planning policy in the passage on Scots.
3. Do you agree that the key principles listed on pages 14 and 15 should shape language activity in Scotland? If not, why not?	Well, difficult to agree. There is so little, and very little detail. A language plan needs to be based on serious analysis.
4. Are there any other comments you would like to offer on this strategy in relation to the promotion of languages in Scotland?	I am currently doing a PhD on language planning for Scots and Occitan, and will be gathering data locally in schools in Scotland, maybe the results of the surveys could be useful in the future?
5. If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, how do you think you may be able to contribute to the success of the strategy?	