

Dear Sir

In response to the questions posed I put forward my comments:

1. The reasons are fine and cover all main issues of language and culture.
2. My comment is directed at the ESOL Strategy. As there is no such strategy, only a consultation paper, I cannot see how it can be referred to within this document.

The delivery mechanism for the ESOL Strategy(so called) is my main concern. There must be a role and involvement of the private sector. Money that is provided via the Scottish Executive to the college and voluntary sectors should be allocated based on a Challenge Fund basis and be open to public and accredited private sector providers.

3. Yes

4. Language learning is a skill and as such should be considered in the same way as any other skill needed for the benefit of Scotland plc. If Scottish Enterprise continues to be the driver for skills promotion and support then they should be the driver and promoter and hold the Challenge Funds as they do with Skill Seekers training money.

5. I am responding on behalf of Glasgow School of English and Global Connections Ltd(provider of other languages) both private providers and if the funding regime that is provided to the college sector was available to the private sector there would be no shortage of resources, no poor quality, no problems of availability of provision and the provision would be tailored to the needs of the client group everytime.

Best regards,
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