

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

2. Do you agree that the language initiatives described on pages 6 – 12 and elsewhere

Yes but no specific mechanisms or targets for promoting Scots are given - unlike the

<p><i>are the key areas for language promotion in Scotland? If not, why not?</i></p>	<p>comprehensive selection given for Gaelic. What about a language Bill for Scots??</p>
<p>3. Do you agree that the key principles listed on pages 14 and 15 should shape language activity in Scotland? If not, why not?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><i>4. Are there any other comments you would like to offer on this strategy in relation to the promotion of languages in Scotland?</i></p>	<p>Have concerns that individual dialects of Scots like Orkney, Shetland, Caithness, Doric etc are not noted and that there is no specific policy to promote them. It is not enough to say that Scots will be dealt with with respect and pride - specific actions in specific areas, please.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>We have a specific policy for languages in the Highlands and Islands; we are providing TESOL, language classes, and translation services in response to the fact that over 65 languages are now spoken in the H and I region, and we provide classes in native dialects in the BA (Hons) Culture Studies of the Highlands and Islands programme and comprehensive Gaelic provision at undergraduate and postgraduate level - to the extent of offering Gaelic medium PGDE training - through Sabhal Mor Ostaig, Scotland's only Gaelic college, and other UHI partners. We are constantly building on this provision both from a strategic cultural standpoint and to reflect and respond to clients' needs. This would seem to link directly into the aims of this language strategy.</p>