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To: Parental Involvement Bill

Subject: Parentzone Making the Difference Questionnaire

Response from the Parentzone - Parental Involvement questionnaire

Name: Jeanne Andrew

Responding as: An individual

Individual: Yes

Confidentiality: Yes, make my response and name available, but not my address

Behalf of groups: Yes

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Question 1: Yes - I think individual authorities and even individual schools need the flexibility to be able to respond to their particular needs.

Question 2: Yes, again the various local authorities should be able to have their own strategies that work for them and reflect what is needed by parents and children in their area.

Question 3: It should be incorporated and stated annually.

Question 4: Yes, again individual schools need to be given the rein to tailor the kind of forum that works best for them.

Question 5: Yes, I think parents should be able to choose and decide for themselves.

Question 6: Yes, the schools need the full backing and support of their local education authority, but not its influence.

Question 7: The Bill should be flexible enough to respond to the varying needs of individual situations.

Question 8: Yes, initially it should be promoted and supported by the EA.

Question 9: Again, yes, a local constitution is better than a nationwide "one size fits all" approach.

Question 10: A parent forum should be that - a forum for parents/ guardians of pupils attending that school. Although there should be flexibility to include others e.g. teachers/ support staff/ health professionals et al, parents should be the main composition of any forum.

Question 11: Not particularly but this should be addressed as these children will have their own particular needs.

Question 12: This could be one of the flexible items e.g for a local forum or group of forums to decide, which is appropriate to their needs.

Question 13: The only people with a "right" to attend should be the parents. The headteacher and staff should attend as required and all others, including local government councillors and officials, should attend by invitation only.

Question 14: No, I think all of these functions are appropriate.

Question 15: Yes, I agree it should be this open-ended.

Question 16: Again, it should be the right and responsibility of each forum to decide whether they feel a matter can be dealt with by themselves or if they require the input of others, e.g local EA.

Question 17: Yes - I have believed for a long time that the relationship between EAs and parents has been one way i.e EAs communicating down to parents with little scope for return.

Question 18: Any costs or funding should be met or provided by central government i.e. the Scottish Executive, as part of the money given to education.

Question 19: Yes, their needs to be a better and more open line of communication between the individual parent/s and the EA. Whether this is facilitated through the parent forum or on an individual basis, it requires improvement.

Question 20: I am not familiar with the current system. However any system that is flexible and caters to the needs of individual schools and circumstances would be good.

Question 21: N/A

Question 22: Yes- there always needs to be a comprehensive system of tracking complaints and problems. This is a new way of working and it will encounter troubles but these must be seen to be resolved or else the initiative will fail.

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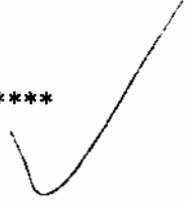
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