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Enclosure 1. Email from Commission for School Reform with written submission - 3 November 2020

From: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@reformscotland.com

To: [Redact 38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: CSR submission to OECD review

Sent: 03 November 2020 13:31

Dear [Redact 38(1)(b)]

The Commission on School Reform would like to submit the attached paper as a submission to the OECD's review. I understand there isn't a formal process for written submissions but I hope passing it to yourself will enable it to be fed in. If I should email it to someone else, please let me know.

Many thanks for your help,
[Redact38(1)(b)]

Written Submission

[Redact 25(1)]

<https://reformscotland.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/CSR-OECD-submission-final.docx.pdf>

Enclosure 2. Extracts of email from Scottish Government to OECD seeking their position on written submissions 5 November 2020

Hi [Redact 38(1)(b)]

We agreed at the outset that we would not be taking formal written submissions to the CfE Review and I have been relaying this position to anyone who has asked. We have, on the back of some discussions (at the Scottish Practitioner Forum and in engagement sessions) passed on factual information from stakeholders on topics discussed.

In the past couple of days I have received two emails:

- A written submission from the Commission on School Reform, an educational policy group set up by the think tanks Reform Scotland and the Centre for Scottish Public Policy. This is an independent group chaired by Dr Keir Bloomer, with whom you met as part of the academics meeting in October. The paper submitted provides their views on the implementation of CfE.

[Redacted – not in scope]

I feel, having told others that we are not accepting formal written submissions, that we need to be consistent and give the same response here. Also both groups have had the opportunity to feed their views into the Review through the engagement meetings. [Redacted – not in scope]

I would really appreciate a clear steer from you on how to respond.

[Redact38(1)(b)]

@gov.scot | National Co-ordinator: OECD Review of Curriculum for Excellence | Learning Directorate [Redact 38(1)(b)]

Enclosure 3 Email from Scottish Government to Commission for School Reform 10 November

Dear [Redact 38(1)(b)]

Many thanks for your e-mail. Unfortunately the OECD are not taking written submissions as part of the Independent Review of CfE. This work has been taken forward through on-line discussions with key education bodies, schools, practitioners, parents and learners. As part of these discussions, the OECD met [Redact 38(1)(b)] on 30th September and he had the opportunity to convey the views of the Commission on School Reform at that meeting.

I have flagged your e-mail to the OECD Team and they have responded asking me to thank you for this, as they appreciate the effort and what this submission says about the Commission on School Reform's interest in CfE. However, they have said that it is not feasible for them to review additional information at this point, nor is it the purpose of this assessment to generate new submissions or replace what would otherwise be a national consultation.

The OECD have already compiled information from key stakeholders' websites and think tank publications themselves, in addition to the initial evidence pack provided to them by Scottish Government. This represents a significant and comprehensive amount of documentation, so a lot of different perspectives have effectively informed the assessment already.

What is essential now is for the OECD Team to make sense of all the information they currently have in order to inform the future implementation of CfE. They have noted your interest and will know to ask, should they require additional information later.

Best wishes

[Redact38(1)(b)]

[Redact38(1)(b)]@gov.scot National Co-ordinator: OECD Review of Curriculum for Excellence | Learning Directorate | [Redact38(1)(b)]

Enclosure 4 Email from Bord na Gaidhlig with proposed submission 16 November 2020

From: [Redact38(1)(b)]@gaidhlig.scot
Sent: 16 November 2020 09:54
To: [Redact38(1)(b)]@gov.scotCc: @gov.scot
Subject: GME Written Submission for OECD Review

Hello [Redact38(1)(b)]

Attached is the written submission, as a follow up to the online meeting at the end of October. We are working on the English and Gaelic versions just now but I have attached the English-language version in case you need that now and will provide the Gaelic-language text later this week. As part of the Bòrd's commitment to transparency, we'll of course provide our submission on the Bòrd website later in the week, in both Gaelic and English.

Anything else that would be useful, just let me know,

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[Redact38(1)(b)]



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Enclosure 5 Email from Scottish Government to OECD regarding Bord na Gaidhlig's submission 16 November

From: [Redact38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: 16 November 2020 11:23
To: [Redact38(1)(b)]@oecd.org
Subject: FW: GME Written Submission for OECD Review

Dear [Redact38(1)(b)]

I have just received this from [Redact 38(1)(b)] as a follow up to the meeting you had with Gaelic Groups on 2 October.

Before I respond to him I wanted to check if this is something [Redact38(1)(b)] had agreed to send you at the time or if this is completely unexpected? I do not want him to publish this on their website under a title of written submission and will speak to him about this but wanted to check with you first whether you were expecting it?

Many thanks

[Redact38(1)(b)]

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Enclosure 6. Email from Scottish Government to Bord na Gaidhlig 17 November 2020

Dear [Redact38(1)(b)]

Many thanks for your e-mail. Unfortunately the OECD are not taking written submissions as part of the Independent Review of CfE. This work has been taken forward through on-line discussions with key education bodies, schools, practitioners, parents and learners.

I have flagged your e-mail to the OECD Team and they have responded asking me to thank you for this, as they appreciate the effort and what this submission says about your interest in CfE. However, they have said that it is not feasible for them to review additional information at this point, nor is it the purpose of this assessment to generate new submissions or replace what would otherwise be a national consultation. They have asked me to assure you that they were satisfied with the valuable contributions conveyed during your meeting with them on 2 October

The OECD have already compiled information from key stakeholders' websites and think tank publications themselves, in addition to the initial evidence pack provided to them by Scottish Government. This represents a significant and comprehensive amount of documentation, so a lot of different perspectives have effectively informed the assessment already.

What is essential now is for the OECD Team to make sense of all the information they currently have in order to inform the future implementation of CfE. They have noted your interest and will know to ask, should they require additional information later.

Kind regards

[Redact38(1)(b)]

Enclosure 7 email from [Redact38(1)(b)] @gov.scot
3 December 2020

From: [Redact38(1)(b)]@gov.scot
Sent: 03 December 2020 10:37
To: Redact38(1)(b)]@gov.sco
Subject: RE: OECD - Gaelic

Hi,

Is it a 'no' to written submissions to the OECD? They were told written submissions would be welcome.

[Redact38(1)(b)]

Enclosure 8 Email from [Redact38(1)(b)] to [Redact38(1)(b)]
3 December

From: [Redact38(1)(b)] @gov.scot
Sent: 03 December 2020 11:42
To: [Redact38(1)(b)] @gov.scot

Cc: [Redact38(1)(b)]@gov.scot

Subject: RE: OECD - Gaelic

Hi [Redact38(1)(b)]

It is definitely a no – they are not taking formal written submissions. I really don't think they would have said this in a meeting so there must have been a misunderstanding.

[Redact38(1)(b)] has written to [Redact38(1)(b)] directly about this, copying you in.

[Redact38(1)(b)]

Enclosure 9 Evidence Base for OECD Review of Curriculum for Excellence

[Redact 27(1)(i)]