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1	<i>Enclosure 1 – Email: Scottish Government and WJEC discuss SQA Higher History Review 13 November 2024 13:19</i>	13/11/2024	Personal Information Free and Frank Exchange of Views	s38(1)(b) s30(b)(ii)

Enclosure 1 – Email: 13 November 2024 13:19

From: Richard Harry <Richard.Harry@wjec.co.uk>
Sent: 13 November 2024 13:19
To: Laura Murdoch <Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot>; Clare Hicks <Clare.Hicks@gov.scot>
Cc: [Redacted s38(1)(b)]@wjec.co.uk>
Subject: RE: URGENT - press query

Thanks Laura – no further comments from me.
Richard

From: Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot <Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot>
Sent: 13 November 2024 13:18
To: Clare.Hicks@gov.scot; Richard Harry <Richard.Harry@wjec.co.uk>
Cc: [Redacted s38(1)(b)]@wjec.co.uk>
Subject: [ALLANOL - EXTERNAL] RE: URGENT - press query

To confirm, revised as follows:

SG spokesperson said:

“It is a matter of public record that Richard Harry, Executive Director of Qualifications and Assessment at Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC), independently peer reviewed the SQA’s report into the marking of Higher History this year and agreed that its conclusions and recommendations are supported by evidence.

““The Scottish Government has accepted the findings of the SQA's report, including improving how feedback received from markers is considered.”

Background

Mr Harry’s comments in full can be found here: [Higher History Review finds marking standards did not change - SQA](#)

Thanks

Laura

From: Clare Hicks <Clare.Hicks@gov.scot>
Sent: 13 November 2024 13:09
To: Richard Harry <Richard.Harry@wjec.co.uk>
Cc: Laura Murdoch <Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot>; [Redacted s38(1)(b)]@wjec.co.uk>
Subject: RE: URGENT - press query

Thanks Richard very helpful and appreciate your quick response. Happy to go with what you suggest.

Laura can you take forward?

Clare Hicks
Director for Education Reform
Education Reform Directorate | Buidheann-stiùiridh Ath-leasachadh Foghlaim
Scottish Government | Riaghaltas na h-Alba
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From: Richard Harry <Richard.Harry@wjec.co.uk>
Sent: 13 November 2024 13:04
To: Clare Hicks <Clare.Hicks@gov.scot>
Cc: Laura Murdoch <Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot>; [Redacted s38(1)(b)]@wjec.co.uk>
Subject: RE: URGENT - press query

Hi Clare - [s30(b)(ii)] I independently peer reviewed the SQA's report and agreed that its conclusions and recommendations are supported by evidence?

[Redacted s38(1)(b)] – for information.

Richard

From: Clare.Hicks@gov.scot <Clare.Hicks@gov.scot>
Sent: 13 November 2024 12:06
To: Richard Harry <Richard.Harry@wjec.co.uk>
Cc: Laura.Murdoch2@gov.scot
Subject: [ALLANOL - EXTERNAL] URGENT - press query
Importance: High

Richard

Apologies for the email out of the blue, I have core sponsorship relationship with Scottish Qualifications Authority – I understand you were approached by the Herald re a media query which has resulted in a story today, [s30(b)(ii)]

I would like to check whether you would be comfortable with the below line – we would only wish to issue this if you were comfortable.

Scottish Government spokesperson said

“It is a matter of public record that Richard Harry, Executive Director of Qualifications and Assessment at Welsh Joint Education Committee (WJEC), independently peer reviewed [s30(b)(ii)] the SQAs report following their review into the marking of Higher History this year.

““The Scottish Government has accepted the findings of the SQA's report, including improving how feedback received from markers is considered.”

Background

Mr Harry's comments in full can be found here: [Higher History Review finds marking standards did not change - SQA](#)

If it is easier to speak – I am on 07[Redacted s38(1)(b)]. And apologies for asking for a speedy response but this is time critical so if you could come back to me as soon as possible that would be appreciated.

Thanks

Clare

Clare Hicks

Director for Education Reform

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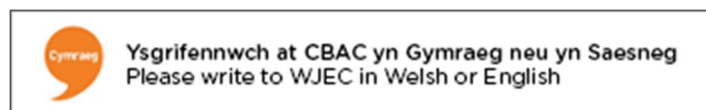
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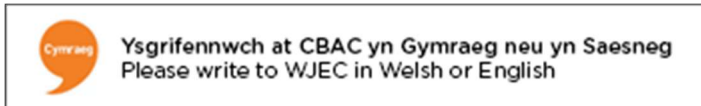
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