

Education Lifelong Learning and Skills Committee

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Chair

Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills Committee

National Assembly for Wales

Cardiff Bay

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Dear Peter

SUBJECT COMMITTEES' CONSIDERATION OF EQUALITY ISSUES IN THE BUDGET PLANNING ROUND

I am writing to you as Chair of the Equality of Opportunity Committee about the 2006 Budget Planning Round. The Finance Minister wrote to Chairs of Subject Committees on 10th May requesting their Committee's priorities for expenditure in 2007-08 by Friday 7 July. I understand that Subject Committees will be considering this issue in the very near future.

As part of the Equality of Opportunity Committee's role in promoting mainstreaming equality as an integral part of the Assembly's policy-making and service delivery process, may I again this year ask that your Committee have regard to equality issues in determining its priorities. In this context may I suggest that particular regard is paid to responsibilities relating to race, disability and gender equality duties. The Members Research Service will be able to provide specific examples on how this may be achieved.

The Equality of Opportunity Committee will be pleased to receive any feedback on your Committee's consideration of equality issues as part of the Budget Planning Round.

Yours sincerely,

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CHAIR - EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE