

Pwyllgor Cyfle Cyfartal

Dyddiad: Dydd Iau, 23 Mawrth 2000

Amser: 9.30 am

Lleoliad: Ystafell Bwyllgora 1, Adeilad y Cynylliad Cenedlaethol

Teitl: LLYTHYR ODDI WRTH GADEIRYDD Y PWYLLGOR CYFLE CYFARTAL AT YR YSGRIFENNYDD CYNULLIAD DROS ADDYSG A PHLANT, 6 TACHWEDD 1999

Gan mai Saesneg oedd iaith yr ohebiaeth wreiddiol, nid oes cyfieithiad ar gael.

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MACPHERSON REPORT ON THE INQUIRY INTO THE MURDER OF STEPHEN LAWRENCE

At the meeting of the Committee on Equality of Opportunity on 21 October, representatives of the Public and Commercial Services Union and Race Equality First provided us with a thought-provoking presentation on the MacPherson Report on the Inquiry into the murder of Stephen Lawrence. The Report has implications for all providers of public services in the United Kingdom.

The Committee on Equality of Opportunity has a remit to audit the Assembly's arrangements for promoting in the exercise of its functions the principle that there should be equality of opportunity for all people and I am keen to ensure that the National Assembly should take full account of the Report's recommendations in all of its policies and programmes.

The Committee attaches the highest priority to the implementation of the Report's recommendations in Wales and has convened a working group to examine plans for this. I should be grateful for your comments on how the Assembly is addressing the very important recommendations in the report concerning the prevention of racism and the role which can be played by education. I am attaching a copy of the specific recommendations for information.

I look forward to your response which I would like to provide for the Committee's information when they return to this topic in the near future. I know that you will share the Committee's concern that the National Assembly should be seen to be taking the lead by demonstrating its commitment to implementing all of the relevant recommendations of this important Report.

EXTRACT FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MACPHERSON INQUIRY INTO THE MURDER OF STEPHEN LAWRENCE:

PREVENTION AND THE ROLE OF EDUCATION

Recommendation 67

That consideration be given to amendment of the National Curriculum aimed at valuing cultural diversity and preventing racism, in order better to reflect the needs of a diverse society.

Recommendation 68

That Local Education Authorities and School Governors have the duty to create and implement strategies in their schools to prevent and address racism. Such strategies to include:

- That schools record all racist incidents;
- That all recorded incidents are reported to the pupils' parents/guardians, School Governors and LEAs;
- That the numbers of racist incidents are published annually, on a school by school basis; and
- That the numbers and self defined ethnic identity of "excluded" pupils are published annually on a school by school basis.

Recommendation 69

That OFSTED (and presumably ESTYN in Wales) inspections include examination of the implementation of such strategies.

Recommendation 70

That in creating strategies under the provisions of the Crime & Disorder Act or otherwise, Police Services, Local Government and relevant agencies should specifically consider implementing community and local initiatives aimed at promoting cultural diversity and addressing racism and the need for focussed, consistent support for such initiatives.