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Dear Professor Welsh

You may be aware of the correspondence between the Committee and the Cabinet Secretary regarding the work of the GIRFEC Practice Development Panel (the correspondence can be read [here](#)). As set out in my [original letter](#) to the Cabinet Secretary on this issue the Committee wants to be assured that practitioners required to undertake the named persons role, such as teachers, are involved in the GIRFEC Practice Development Panel engagements.

The Committee considers it vital for the Panel's work to involve unions representing teachers such as the EIS. I would be grateful if you could confirm that this engagement with unions will take place and specify which unions are to be involved.

The Committee would also appreciate confirmation that all meetings as part of this engagement work will be minuted to ensure transparency in decision making.

Finally, the Committee would appreciate an indication of the timescales for this work. The Committee has been referred petition [PE1692](#), from the Tymes Trust and the Scottish Home Education Forum which seeks an inquiry into the human rights impact of GIRFEC policy and data processing. Indicative timings for the completion of the Practice Development Panel's work would therefore help to inform the timing of the Committee's deliberations on the petition.

I would be grateful for a response as soon as is practicable,

Yours sincerely

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