**Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill**

List of possible probing amendments to prompt assurances on the record in the Senedd

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|  | **Clause of Bill** | **Problem** | **Progress in discussions with WG** | **Effect of requested amendment** |
| 1 | Cl.66 | Welsh Ministers to be given the power to issue statutory guidance which does not exclude statutory guidance on denominational RVE (e.g. content of Catholic RVE) | Assurances from officials that this is power not needed nor is it intended to be used. But what about future administrations? WG not minded to change drafting, but will give assurances. | Amend clause66 so that Welsh Ministers’ power to issue statutory guidance excludes any power to issue statutory guidance on denominational RE |
| 2 | Sch.2, para.10(2) | New para. (1A)(a)(ii) widens SACREs remit to include, for the first time, denominational education. (See ‘mandatory element’ in cl.24(2) and Sch. 1 pt.1). | Assurances that this was not the policy intent. WG lawyers do not believe that the wording gives power to SACREs to advise LAs on denominational RVE. WG not minded to change drafting, but will give assurances and also make this point clear in the guidance. | Amend the new paragraph to make it clear that the remit of SACREs is limited to advising LAs on non-denominational RVE. |
| 3 | Sch.2, para.7 etc.; Cl.62 | Sch.2 para.7(4) (agreed syllabus) and cl.62(4) (post-16) define ‘philosophical convictions’ in terms of ECHR A2P1 and its jurisprudence. However, requirements for the agreed syllabus in the Bill cut this down with the addition of ‘non-religious’ – potentially excluding some of the ECHR jurisprudence. | WG lawyers considering response. Will come back to us with some clarification on the meaning of ‘non-religious’. | Amend the Bill so that all references to ‘non-religious philosophical convictions’ are changed to ‘philosophical convictions’. |
| 4 | Cl.62 | The wording of cl.62 excludes the possibility of teaching denominational RE post-16. | Officials have given assurances that this is not the policy intent – denominational schools should be able to continue teaching denominational RE unless pupils request under cl.62(1): WG lawyers still firmly believe this does not exclude denominational RVE. Not minded to change drafting but will give assurances. | Amend clause 62 so that it is clear that Church schools may continue to teach denominational RVE post-16. |
| 5 | Sch.2, para.18 | Removes the important protections contained in EA 1996 s.403(1) & (1A) about the manner of provision of SRE without any equivalent replacement. | WG not minded to change drafting and add the existing protections back into the Bill. | Add a provision in to the Bill requiring RSE to be delivered in a way that conforms to the protections currently set out in the Education Act 1996 s.403(1) & (1A). |