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Ceistean | Questions

1. Tha cumadh a' Phlana a' gabhail a-steach amas, cuspairean, prìomh raointean agus gealltanasan. A bheil beachd agaibh air cumadh a' Phlana agus air an àrd-amas againn? The structure for the Plan consists of an aim, priority areas and commitments. Do you have any comments on how we have structured the Plan and the overall aim we have selected?

With regards to impact to date, it is stated that "good progress" has been made. I would recommend stating far more precisely how this can be proved - using more than just census figures.

There will be a lot of negativity surrounding the plan if it is not justified in a solid and undeniable fashion.

2. Tha sinn dhen bheachd gu bheil e riatanach gum bi deagh ìomhaigh aig a' Ghàidhlig agus gum bi na raointean shuas a' cur gu mòr ri sin. A bheil beachdan agaibh fhèin air na raointean a thagh sinn no càil eile co-cheangailte ris a' chuspair seo? We believe that the promotion of a positive image for Gaelic is essential and we think that the areas above are the key areas that can make a contribution to this. Do you have any comments on the areas we have selected or alternative suggestions?

Respondent skipped this question

3. Tha sinn dhen bheachd gu bheil foghlam agus ionnsachadh na Gàidhlig aig cridhe a' Phlana seo. Tha sinn air liosta a dhèanamh de na prìomh raointean airson leasachadh san àm ri teachd. A bheil beachdan agaibh air seo, agus air na prìomh raointean a thagh sinn airson ionnsachadh na Gàidhlig? We believe education and Gaelic learning are central to this Plan. We have also listed the priority areas that we believe should be a focus for ongoing activity. Do you have any comments on this emphasis and on the priority areas selected for learning Gaelic?

Gaelic education – “achieve equal fluency” and “operate confidently and fluently in two languages” are very different. The reality is that barring a few pupils, or those in a fortunate geographical location, their Gaelic is far weaker than English. The constant assumption from outside that they “ought to be” totally bilingual hinders their confidence greatly. It may be worth considering a mild rewording of this. I of course understand the aim of GME, and it should rightly be to achieve fluency, but to expect an equal fluency as to English is largely unrealistic.

Gaelic teaching and support staff - “supporting the training” – I have not witnessed this part. Having been a teacher since 2013 – nobody has approached me and offered me management or leadership training. What about those Gaelic teachers who wish to progress up the education ladder? In most cases, teachers are forced to look into another modern language, another subject or guidance if they wish to seek out promotion.

7. Learning Gaelic – “resources and support remain priorities” – We are still waiting on a good, solid grammar course. Every year this is requested at an t-Alltann. More Cfe appropriate units of work still required at secondary level – Stòrlann’s “fileantaich” section is very useful. More of this ilk, but across S1-6.

4. Tha sinn dhen bheachd gu bheil na raointean a chaidh a thaghadh cudromach airson cleachdadh na Gàidhlig a bhrosnachadh. A bheil beachdan agaibh air mar a dh'fhaodamaid piseach a thoirt air ire cleachdaidh na Gàidhlig? We believe the areas selected are important for promoting the increased use of Gaelic. Do you have any comments or suggestions you would like to make in relation to promoting the increased use of Gaelic?

Respondent skipped this question

5. Ann an ceistean 2, 3 is 4, chaidh iarraidh oirbh ur beachdan a thoirt air na prìomh raointean a chaidh a chomharrachadh. Anns a' cheist seo, bu mhath leinn ur beachdan fhaighinn air na prìomh ghealltanasan a chomharraich sinn agus air gealltanasan a bharrachd a bu chòir a bhith ann gus an dèanar adhartas ann a bhith a' leasachadh na th' ann de dhaoine a tha a' labhairt, cleachdadh is ionnsachadh na Gàidhlig ann an Alba agus ann a bhith a' leudachadh nan suidheachaidhean anns am bi i air a cur gu feum? In questions 2, 3 and 4, you were asked about your views on the priority areas identified. In this question, we would like to hear any views or suggestions you may have on the key commitments we have identified and views on any key commitments you think should be included in order to make progress with the aim of increasing the number of people speaking, using and learning Gaelic in Scotland and the number of situations in which it is used?

Respondent skipped this question.

6. Tha na ceistean co-chomhairleachaidh a nochd na bu tràithe air a bhith rudeigin mionaideach. Ma tha sibh airson puingeann eile a thogail, agus mura robh cothrom agaibh sin a dhèanamh thuige seo, nach sgrìobh sibh iad gu h-ìosal. The earlier consultation questions have been fairly specific. If there are any other points you would like to make and feel you have not had the opportunity to do so, please write them below.

The plan is very vague. Measurable goals, impacts and key indicators are required. It is all good and well to use phrases such as "we will continue to work...strive for..." etc, but more solid goals in terms of quantitative data should be included so that real progression can be witnessed.