

## Fiosrachadh Pearsanta / Contact Information

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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?**

No. All good

**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?**

I think the priority bullets selected are correct. However the lack of pre-fix to the priorities that spells out the realistic operational reality about Gaelic across much of Scotland's population means that the reader isn't getting an insight into why the priorities are very important or can be engineered to be so. The pre-fix should acknowledge that much of Scotland does not feel an affinity /or/ a sense of confidence around the Gaelic language (Gaelic culture itself not included). It may be worth stating that the priorities should be used instrumentally to MAINSTREAM the full public's (particularly children growing up) relationship with the Gaelic language. Putting it very informally the public needs to feel "Gaelic that's me" rather than "Gaelic that's not me". The use of the word 'MAINSTREAMING' of Gaelic should be used to stress that the Gaelic language should feel part of Scotlands day to day culture. I think this section needs to acknowledge the CULTURAL SHIFT required via the various priorities. Clearly there are a lack of metrics but in fact the metrics would strengthen the plan. It's good though!

**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?**

As above.

**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 ìre 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?**

I feel that far more assertive language should be used in the interests of the growth of Gaelic like "we must", "it is required", "it is a necessity", "it is essential". The wind is in the sails of Gaelic; its significant legal status, the SG's commitment to delivering this plan, the public authority Gaelic Language Plans, the Education Bill, the Partners energies. Be very aware of the danger of reflecting that the status quo around the profile of Gaelic is almost ok. Much more emphasis should be placed on target setting for third parties like implementing GLE targets via Education Scotland (who can influence the curriculum to ensure Gaelic has an important place and ensuring the practical delivery of the training of existing primary school teachers). Much more pressure can be exerted on ensuring the full delivery of public body GLP's through ensuring target setting being included in the 5 year plans. It's difficult to include precise detailed description around delivery planning but it's worth including as much as possible

**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 sin 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?**

I think that it would be ideal to have metrics built into the plan, of course this is very difficult! Basic education data is already included (which is good) and surveying the number of Gaelic learners is ongoing.

**6. Tha na ceistean co-chomhairleachaidh a nochd na bu tràithe air a bhith rudeigin mionaideach. Ma tha sibh airson puingean 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.**

I think the plan is very good, very thorough and easy to follow. However always remember who the reader is, often its someone that BnG need to directly influence and get on side. For example, why not state the £'s economic impact of Gaelic within tourism? Surveys tell us that Gaelic language and culture continues to be a significant reason for visits to the Highlands.

The plan is perhaps a little timidly written with a warm kindness and appreciation to all but beware the Glencoe massacre!