

Scottish Government update – LANGS meeting 10 June, 2016

We will provide funding for 2016-17. Proposals for funding are currently with the new Cabinet Secretary. We hope to reach a conclusion shortly. Following confirmation of funding for this financial year, we will be entering the spending review process that will set levels of funding for the next 3 years.

We have received approval to provide the same funding to SCILT (our National Centre for Languages) to offer practical support to teachers, schools and local authorities, including resources, training and other support for the on-going development of modern languages in Scotland, in partnership with Education Scotland.

We are committed to expanding and improving languages learning and have invested £16.2m additional money to local authorities to implement the 1+2 policy over the last three years. (This includes £7.2m in 2015-16.) We will announce the funding for 2016-17 shortly.

Importance of MLAs – deadline was 31/5/16. I will contact the British Council Scotland specifically to explain the delay as we don't want to see a drop in the numbers and therefore we want them to be aware of this.

We wrote to all Local Authorities on 22 April to explain that the announcement of development funding for 2016-17 would follow the Scottish Parliament elections.