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Dear Cabinet Secretary

**P-05-757 Remove the Obligation on Schools to Hold Acts of Religious Worship  
and P-05-765 Keeping Current Guidelines for Religious Assemblies**

Thank you for your letter of 11 April, which the Committee considered at our meeting on 1 May alongside further comments from the petitioners for P-05-757.

Members noted the information set out in your letter. However, we are concerned that we are still not in a position to provide clarity to the petitioners, and other interested parties, about how this matter is being addressed by the Welsh Government in practice, almost a year after the petition was first considered by the Committee.

Whilst the Committee acknowledges that the focus of your department is currently on delivering curriculum reform, we would welcome additional detail in relation to:

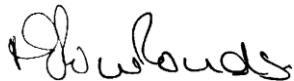
- the information gathered by your officials on the issue of religious worship in schools to date; and
- an indicative timescale for when you hope to be able to provide a more substantive response on this issue.



It is our hope that this additional detail would provide those interested in this subject with assurances that it is being fully considered by the Welsh Government, as well as supporting the Committee to determine an appropriate next step in our consideration of the petition.

I would be grateful if you could send your response by e-mail to the clerking team at [SeneddPetitions@assembly.wales](mailto:SeneddPetitions@assembly.wales).

Yours sincerely



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