



## Education & Skills Committee

The Scottish Government's Education and Skills Committee occasionally surveys the professional regarding issues which have been drawn to its attention. When it did this previously it emailed colleagues directly thereby causing some distress and confusion. Colleagues were unclear as to whether a response was obligatory and whether their response might put them in a difficult position with their employer.

Following discussions with the Clerk to the Committee it was agreed that in advance of any further survey requests to School Leaders Scotland members the General would be alerted.

I was contacted by the Clerk last week in advance of the issue of a survey on "Course Choice". Please find below a copy of an email which I have since received and a link to the survey

*Dear Jim,*

*As I mentioned last week, the Committee has now launched its inquiry into subject choice. The inquiry web page which includes details of the remit for the inquiry, potential evidence session dates, and our call for views can be found here: [www.parliament.scot/subject-choice](http://www.parliament.scot/subject-choice)*

*We have also created a survey for head teachers to complete regarding how subject choice is addressed in their school. We spoke previously about you circulating a letter to your members containing a link to this survey and details of the inquiry, and I have attached a letter for this purpose. The survey, which is open until Monday 4 March, can also be accessed via this link: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Subject-Choice/>*

*We will also be writing to Directors of Education to make them aware of the inquiry, and to highlight the ways in which teachers and head teachers can contribute if they so wish, so you may wish to mention this to your members in case their Directors are in contact.*

*Thanks again for agreeing to distribute this survey – it's a great help and really appreciated. If you have any questions or if there is anything you would like to discuss further, please let me know.*

*Best wishes,*

*Gary Cocker*

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PLEASE NOTE

**COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY IS ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY**

**COMPLETION OF THE SURVEY WILL NOT PLACE YOU IN ANY DIFFICULTY WITH YOUR EMPLOYER**

**If you have any questions please get in touch with me**