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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

Support for ESOL speakers

At its Business Planning Day at the start of September the Committee heard from the Convener and Deputy Convener of the Scottish Youth Parliament's Equalities and Human Rights Committee.

Among the topics they spoke to us about was the issue of individualised and person-centred support for students who do not have English as their primary language, including better and more personalised support across all educational institutions, rather than generalised support to access basic courses.

They also indicated they would like to see additional training provided to teachers to ensure they are best placed to support ESOL speakers' needs.

This Committee would welcome an update from the Scottish Government on progress being made in this area.

Yours sincerely,

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