



24 March 2017

Dear ,

ATISN 11141 – PISA 2015 Further Analysis

Thank you for your request which I received on 27 February about PISA 2015 further analysis. The information you requested is enclosed.

You asked for (i) communication showing the further analysis Welsh Government have requested from John Jerrim or Nikki Shure at the UCL Institute of Education (IOE) of Wales data resulting from participation in the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) 2015 and (ii) the Welsh Government's publication dates of such further analysis.

(i) Communication detailing further analysis of PISA 2015 data Welsh Government have requested from John Jerrim and Nikki Shure at the IOE

Following competitive tender the Department for Education (DfE-England) appointed RM Results to administer OECD PISA 2015 in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The contract is co-funded, by Welsh Government (WG) and Department of Education Northern Ireland (DENI) through memorandum of agreement with DfE. RM Results appointed IOE as sub-contractor to undertake some aspects of the study. The terms of DfE's contract with RM Results require that for each country, the IOE complete national reports on PISA 2015 (published on December 6 for Wales [here](#)) and further analysis as is feasible within the timescale and budget of the contract.

There is no single individual letter from the Welsh Government to John Jerrim or Nikki Shure setting out Welsh Government's requirement for further analysis. Rather, there was a discussion between WG, DfE, DENI and John Jerrim as to what further analysis each administration would like undertaken and how that could be feasibly completed within the timescale and budget of the contract. A copy of the email trail summarising these discussions is provided.

At Doc 1, the email trail provides correspondence summarising further analysis requested by WG following the meetings described above. Note that the more detailed scoping document referred to in this email trail was not subsequently completed by either DfE, DENI or WG.

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At Doc 2, the email from John Jerrim at the IOE provides a reply to the Doc 1 email trail, it provides a summary of the further analysis agreed to be undertaken and target dates for when WG, DfE and DENI may likely receive the results of such work. This was deemed a sufficient summary of the further analysis requested by WG, DfE and DENI.

(ii) Publication dates of the further analysis of PISA 2015 data Welsh Government have requested from John Jerrim and Nikki Shure at the IOE

The publication plans for the further analysis requested are yet to be finalised.

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Yours sincerely