



APPG for Further Education and Lifelong Learning

Summary - Nick Boles MP, Minister of State for Skills oral evidence session

Wednesday 13 January 2016, Committee Room 8, 10:30-11:30

Present

Nick Boles MP, Minister of State for Skills - witness

MPs

Peter Aldous, Conservative, Waveney – Vice Chair

Flick Drummond, Conservative, Portsmouth South

Kelvin Hopkins, Labour, Luton North

Peter Kyle, Labour, Hove – Chair

Rob Marris, Labour, Wolverhampton South West

Jason McCartney, Conservative, Colne Valley

Stephen Metcalfe, Conservative, South Basildon and East Thurrock

Melanie Onn, Labour, Great Grimsby

Rt Hon Joan Ryan, Labour, Enfield North

Graham Stuart, Conservative, Beverly and Holderness

Rt Hon Stephen Timms, Labour, East Ham

Catherine West, Labour, Hornsey and Wood Green

Peers

Lord Aberdare, Crossbencher

Lord Addington, Liberal Democrat

Baroness Burt of Solihull, Liberal Democrat

Baroness Garden of Frognal, Liberal Democrat

Baroness Prosser, Labour

Baroness Sharp of Guildford, Liberal Democrat

Lord Storey, Liberal Democrat

Background

The APPG for Further Education and Lifelong Learning's purpose is to represent, promote and develop the interests of further education and adult learning. The Officers of the Group are:

[Peter Kyle MP](#), Labour, Hove – Chair

[Peter Aldous MP](#), Conservative, Waveney – Vice Chair

[Michelle Donelan MP](#), Conservative, Chippenham - Vice Chair

[Ian Mearns MP](#), Labour, Gateshead – Vice Chair

Overview

Nick Boles MP, Minister of State for Skills was invited to address the Group in a one off oral evidence session on the Government's target of creating three million new apprenticeships by 2020. The Minister was questioned on a range of topics, most notably:

- Careers advice
- The apprenticeships levy
- The adult skills budget
- Area reviews
- Housing benefit
- Special educational needs (SEN)

As this was the Group's first meeting since the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) on the 24 November, and under the new Chairmanship of Peter Kyle MP, the Group will reconvene to consider its next line of enquiry and will meet again in due course.