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.