**21 / 9 / 2020 Report for AREIAC from Wales:**

A Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill is currently being scrutinising by Ministers of the Welsh Parliament’s Children, Young People and Education Committee. The consultation on the Bill is part the second stage of the whole consultation. The responses from the previous consultation, which ended on 28th July, will be looked at by the Children, Young People and Education Committee as part of this second stage. The purpose of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill is to establish a new and reformed legislative framework to support the implementation of new curriculum and assessment arrangements in Wales.

WASACRE was given access to the draft Bill prior to it being published. Now it is public and anyone can respond. This is the link… https://business.senedd.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?IId=28836

Closing date the 29th Sept.

Both the Wales Association of SACREs (WASACRE) and the National Advisory Panel for Religious Education Wales (NAPfRE) are due to meet with the Committee on October 15 to present their views on and discuss issues relating to the Bill. This meeting with the CYPEC is after the deadline so that we can present our response at the meeting and answer the Committee’s questions relating to it.

The Supporting Framework for Religion, Values and Ethics is still awaiting publication, which we believe to be scheduled for this Autumn. WASACRE knows of no plans to delay the Curriculum for Wales amid the Covid – 19 response and we expect that though schools, local authorities and consortia are getting used to the challenges of a very different way of working at the moment, the new curriculum is set to be implemented, as originally planned, for roll out to all ages up to Year 7, from September 2022.

There is a news article on the WASACRE Website. [http://wasacre.org.uk/news.html](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwasacre.org.uk%2Fnews.html&data=01%7C01%7Cpaula.webber%40sewaleseas.org.uk%7C8054cbecac8d4748d41008d85e17e772%7Cad066e2b5ae540a69d88a36717787094%7C0&sdata=yQpC8%2F3Uz4nCcKZBG1kCFGsmpT0l3riGeh%2BL4gVGAZk%3D&reserved=0)

WASACRE is in contact with Welsh Government with regards to Professional Learning for RE. They have met with Qualifications Wales as part of their current consultation on the qualifications for the new curriculum.