

School Teachers' Review Body (STRB): Remit for the 28th Report - 2018 pay award

Supplementary comments from the Association of School and College Leaders on the evidence provided by statutory consultees

- 1 Following the submission of evidence provided by the statutory consultees with regard to the 28rd remit of the School Teachers' Review Body (STRB), we wish to thank the organisations involved for the considerable thought and wisdom demonstrated in their responses.
- 2 Given the level of consensus on the main issues we do not intend to re-rehearse the substantive points already made. These have been covered in detail by consultees, and are in many instances elaborations on concerns that have been raised by the profession and employers over the last few years.
- 3 We would however wish to challenge the Department for Education's assertion that they are '*recruiting the teachers we need at a national level*'. Recruitment and retention is at a crisis level: it is not only other consultees who have recognised this as a fact, but the Public Accounts Committee, whose Report '*Retaining and Developing the Teaching Workforce*', we again commend to you.
- 4 The Department's continued wilful inability to acknowledge the current crisis gives us little confidence in their ability to effectively address the issue.
- 5 We look forward to discussing all of the pertinent issues with the STRB during the oral evidence session on 16 March.

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