

To ask the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, pursuant to the Answer of 6 January 2010, Official Report, column 389W, on Arts Council England: consultants, when he expects the Chief Executive of Arts Council England to write to the hon. Member for West Bromwich East. (315430)

Arts Council England works hard to minimise the use of consultants. Its guidance for budget holders on the engagement of consultants makes it clear that consultants should never be employed to carry out a role which is that of an established post in Arts Council England and that the service cannot be provided in house.