

This House notes that approximately 100 students per year are entered for the A-Level examination in Polish; notes also that all entries in recent years have been via a single examination board, namely Edexcel (University of London); feels that it should be the right of all citizens to be able to study and gain qualifications in the language of their birth, culture or heritage, or to study a language for vocational or non-vocational purposes; feels also that in the light of the future enlargement of the European Union, Polish is likely to become a more important tool in the language of international trade and relations; notes that Edexcel is currently reviewing its provision of A-Level Polish with a view to discontinuing the service; and calls upon the Government to urge Edexcel to continue to provide an annual A-Level Polish examination and to discuss with them the ways in which such provision can be maintained in future.