Handout 6

Evidence of undervaluing?



Letter from Member of Scottish Parliament, in response to research on the Modern Apprenticeship Programme, April 2004:

"Thank you for your positive paper on MAs and Gender Based occupational segregation in Scotland. Before I take the time to digest the contents, I ask why, given the subject, the paper had been prepared by three women? Are there no males in the Dept of Economics and Enterprise who can be found who have either interest or knowledge in the subject? Could you also please advise if any of the three ladies involved in compiling this paper have any practical experience of working in an industrial workplace for any period of time or if all come from a background of academia? The questions I ask are serious and not intended to be facetious."