



## Press Release

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### **Joint Managerial Body Welcomes Minister's Clarification re 8 Subjects**

The Joint Managerial Body welcomes the Minister for Education and Skills announcement that there is no compulsion on post-primary schools to limit to eight the number of subjects being taken to examination level for pupils entering schools in 2012 and 2013.

“This clarification will allow schools to concentrate on the introduction of the Literacy and Numeracy Strategy and the pending Junior Cycle Reform proposals”, states Ferdia Kelly, General Secretary of the Joint Managerial Body.

“ The expectation that schools had to plan for the reduction to eight in the number of Junior Cycle examination subjects from September 2012 would have been a serious distraction from the critical work of planning for broader reform of the first three years of post-primary education” explains Ferdia Kelly.

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