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In a series of written questions, the independent Labour Peer, Lord Stoddart of Swindon has been tackling the Government about the issue of children being indoctrinated in schools about the EU. For the first time, the Government has responded in detail and even provided an outline of what to do if you think your child is not receiving balanced teaching in lessons on political subjects.

Lord Stoddart said: "This is easily the most comprehensive answer I have received on this subject and it appears that, for the first time, the Government has taken the matter seriously. In a post-Brexit Britain, EU propaganda will be irrelevant and our educational establishments should be focusing on our own system of Government and the key role of Parliament in rebuilding Britain as a prosperous and leading world power."

His latest question asked the Government to confirm 'what action they plan to take to monitor and enforce the

requirement for balanced treatment in educational establishments of political issues, including the UK's membership of the EU'.

Lord Nash, for the Government replied (12th December): *'All schools are required to teach about political issues in a balanced way. Sections 406 and 407 of the Education Act 1996 require maintained schools to prevent political indoctrination and ensure the balanced treatment of political issues.'*

He added that: *'Ofsted inspectors will consider the breadth and balance of a school's curriculum, the quality of teaching and how the school promotes pupils' acceptance and engagement with the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different beliefs.'*

Lord Nash also outlined the best way for parents concerned about unbalanced teaching of political subjects, to address the issue, *'through the school's complaints procedure and if they are not satisfied, escalate the complaint to the Secretary of State who has powers to intervene if schools are failing to comply with legal requirements.'*

The full text of Lord Stoddart's written question and the Government's response can be accessed via [this link](#)

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