

Regulated Entertainment

Response of the Association of School and College Leaders

- 1 The Association of School and College Leaders (ASCL) represents over 15,000 members of the leadership teams of maintained and independent schools and colleges throughout the UK. This places the association in a unique position to consider this issue from the viewpoint of the leaders of both secondary schools and colleges.
- 2 ASCL welcomes these proposals. Our concern is clearly with the impact of the 2003 Act on the schools and colleges run by our members and we shall not comment in detail on the proposals.
- 3 The deregulation of music (both live and recorded), dance, plays, film and most categories of indoor sport is strongly supported. All of these are a frequent and valuable part of the activity of schools and colleges both as part of the taught curriculum and as additional activities to which members of the wider community are often invited.
- 4 ASCL does not have a direct interest in the regulation of boxing and wrestling, as these are essentially unknown in schools and colleges, but the proposals seems entirely reasonable as a way of ensuring that these potentially dangerous activities are properly managed.
- 5 ASCL would support, on moral grounds, the retention of regulation of so-called adult (ie sexual) entertainment. Such activities are of course completely unknown in schools and colleges!
- 6 I hope that this is of value to your consultation, ASCL is willing to be further consulted and to assist in any way that it can.

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