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Dear Kirsty,

TEF Year Three Participation

Prior to the establishment of the Office for Students (OfS), the participation of providers in Wales in the Teaching Excellence Framework (TEF) was a matter between the Department for Education and the Welsh Government.

Now that the OfS is established, section 25 of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 empowers OfS to give TEF awards to higher education providers in Wales, where Welsh Ministers give consent to OfS, and the providers apply for such awards.

You may be aware that three institutions in Wales had applied in January 2018, for assessment in TEF Year Three. I am writing to seek your consent in respect of their participation in TEF Year Three, as we are due to publish TEF Year Three awards on 6 June 2018.

I expect to write again in autumn 2018 regarding consent in respect of TEF Year Four, so that we can make the position clear to all providers that might wish to participate, at the outset of the Year Four exercise.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Barber'.

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