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Dear Michael,

TEF Year Three Participation

Thank you for your letter of 17 May regarding the participation of Welsh higher education providers in the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF).

I am content to consent to the arrangements applying to Swansea University, Aberystwyth University and the University of Wales Trinity St David who have applied to the OfS for a TEF rating. I understand that, notwithstanding the date of your letter, all three applications were made in January 2018. I note that we can expect to hear from you far earlier in respect of the TEF year 4 application cycle, which is appreciated

In the meantime my officials will continue to engage with their counterparts in the Department for Education in relation to the ongoing development of the TEF. I should be grateful if your officers could engage with the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (HEFCW) in relation to the operational matters concerning the TEF.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Wales, the Chair for HEFCW and the Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation.

Yours sincerely

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

c.c. Alun Cairns MP, Secretary of State for Wales
Sam Gyimah MP, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and
Innovation.
David Allen, Chair, HEFCW