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Dear Michael,

TEF ratings assessments for HE providers in Wales

Further to my letter of the 5 June concerning the participation of Welsh higher education providers in the Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF), I am writing to request that you notify providers in Wales of the need for the Welsh Ministers to give their consent to enable the Office for Students to undertake TEF ratings assessments of any applications they may elect to make.

In your letter of 17 May you indicated that you expect to write in autumn this year regarding consent in respect of TEF Year Four. To inform future decisions regarding consent, I expect providers in Wales who are minded to seek a TEF rating from the OfS to inform the Welsh Government before commencing work on their applications. Providers should also be aware that consent given is subject to review and may be revoked.

I have asked my officials to work with your officers on the form that such a notification might take.

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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