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Dear Kirsty

TEF Year Four (2019) participation for HE providers in Wales

I write with reference to your letter of the 20 September concerning the participation of Welsh higher education providers in the second year of the subject-level Teaching Excellence and Student Outcomes Framework (TEF) pilot.

On legal advice, I can confirm the legal basis for the operation of the TEF pilots is the Higher Education and Research Act 2017 (HERA) section 25(1). The section refers to "a scheme" which is a broad legal concept and incorporates the TEF subject pilots. Consent granted under HERA for a TEF rating therefore confers consent for participation in the subject pilots.

Our officers have agreed operational mechanisms with your officials this week to share information when we are notified of the intention of any Welsh providers to participate in either or both TEF Year Four and the second subject pilot, such that you may make your decisions on consent.

I trust this is the confirmation you were seeking and I look forward to continued dialogue with you on TEF and higher education in general.

With my best wishes

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

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