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Dear Douglas,

On behalf of the Secretary of State, I am writing to confirm notice of designation of the Quality Assurance Agency as the Designated Quality Body, under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 4 of the Higher Education and Research Act 2017.

The effective date of designation will be 1 April 2018.

I look forward to working with you and the Office for Students in development of a new system to perform the effective assessment of the quality of, and the standards applied to, higher education providers in England and that this is fully implemented by 1 August 2019.

Yours sincerely,

SAM GYIMAH MP
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