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I am writing to inform you of the Government's view of your college's position in the light of the FE Commissioner's stock-take assessment of Stratford Upon Avon College.

As you will be aware the FE Commissioner's assessment in May 2014 identified weaknesses in the governance of the college and raised some concerns as to whether the actions being taken to address the financial issues would be enough to secure the college's long term sustainability. The assessment included a number of recommendations. In June 2015 one of the FE Commissioner's Advisers conducted a short assessment in order to review the progress made against the recommendations.

I have now received the FE Commissioner's assessment report. A copy of the report is provided alongside this letter. As you will see, the assessment concludes that the college has fully addressed all the areas of concern that were identified in the initial visit from the FE Commissioner and in the subsequent stock take assessments. The formal FE Commissioner intervention process is therefore now at an end. The Skills Funding Agency will shortly write to you about its continuing monitoring and intervention process which will remain in place until you have fully complied with all the conditions in the Notice of Concern.

I am encouraged by the actions taken by the college to implement the necessary improvements and welcome the FE Commissioner's confidence that the board can sustain improvement. I wish you every success with the continued improvement of Stratford Upon Avon College.

You should note that we plan to publish this letter but will not be publishing the attached report.

NICK BOLES MP

