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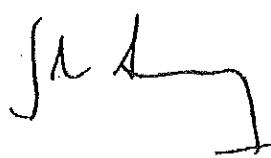
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Mr Westhead,

Thank you for your letter of 9 May regarding the Scottish Government's intention to begin a tender process for a new route designed to encourage high-quality graduates into teaching.

"Delivering Excellence and Equity in Scottish Education" set out my commitment to have this route in place. This is an exciting opportunity and I expect that a number of parties will be interested in bringing forward proposals. Therefore, in the interests of fairness and to ensure that the Scottish Government has a wide a selection of proposals as possible to consider, I have asked my officials to develop a tender document at the earliest opportunity.

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