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Dear James

Thank you for your letter of 6 July, addressed to the former Secretary of State, regarding the reforms to initial teacher training (ITT).

I welcome the engagement that UCET has had with my department throughout the ITT Market Review process: our continued close cooperation will be crucial to achieving our shared aim of a world-class system of teacher training. I understand, however, that your members are concerned about the potential impact of the reforms on teacher supply and the involvement of higher education Institutions (HEIs) in ITT.

As you will be aware, safeguarding teacher supply has been and will continue to be a priority for my department. My officials are currently planning how best to resolve any potential deficits in ITT provision following the conclusion of the accreditation process. I hope that you will continue to engage with them so that we can better understand how best to help your members at that time.

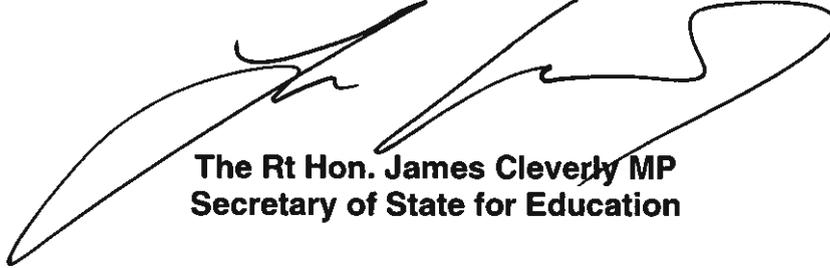
Regarding the involvement of HEIs in ITT, I would like to reiterate the point that former Minister Walker made in his last letter to you, specifically that the government wants as many high-quality ITT providers in the reformed market as possible. I was pleased to have been informed that all of the HEIs that were not accredited in round one have re-applied in round two. I would like to thank you for supporting your members in re-applying.

My department will continue to work constructively with the ITT sector as we prepare for 2024. Following the sector consultation last summer, we made several key amendments to the recommendations set out in the ITT Market Review report. We have also engaged with your members to revise the stage 2 guidance in order to clarify the academic freedom providers will have to develop their course beyond the Core Content Framework.

I know that my officials are continuing to work with your members to provide further clarification on the next stage and I look forward to our continued working together in the future.

Thank you for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,



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