CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PUBLIC AUDIT COMMITTEE TO THE SCOTTISH FUNDING COUNCIL, DATED 29 JUNE 2015

At its meeting on 24 June 2015, the Public Audit Committee took evidence from the Scottish Government and Scottish Funding Council on the above report. The Official Report of the meeting is available on the Committee’s webpage at: http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/publicaudit

Following this evidence, the Committee agreed to write to the Scottish Government to seek further information on issues raised in discussion. You committed to providing further written evidence to the Committee on the Scottish Funding Council’s view as to whether Freedom of Information legislation should extend to Scottish colleges’ arm’s-length foundations.

You also agreed to provide to the Committee a full breakdown by individual college of the proportion of students from the most deprived decile of postcodes as per the Outcome Agreements between each college and the Scottish Funding Council.

I would be grateful for a response by Monday 27 July 2015. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Clerk, Anne Peat on 0131 348 5390 or by email at pa.committee@scottish.parliament.uk. Our normal practice is to publish relevant evidence that is sent to us on our website and we may also include it in the hard copy of any committee report. Further information on the publication of written submissions is set out on the Parliament’s website at: http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/help/31037.aspx

Yours sincerely

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