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Dear Ms Webber,

Timetable for the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment

I am writing to inform you that I have agreed to a request from Professor Hayward for a short extension to the timetable for the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment.

The Review was originally due to provide an interim report by the end of this year and a final report by the end of March 2023. Professor Hayward will now provide me with an interim report by the end of February 2023 and a final report by the end of May 2023. The additional time has been granted to enable Professor Hayward to fulfil her commitment to ensuring that there is meaningful engagement with a broad range of stakeholders during each of the three phases of the Review.

This Review is of utmost importance, not least to generations of our future learners, and a short extension to build in additional time for consultation is the pragmatic and correct course of action.

The short extension to the timetable will also provide Professor Hayward and her Independent Review Group with more time to consider the emerging findings of the National Discussion on Education.

Yours sincerely

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