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Dear Ms Webber,

### **Interim Report - Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment**

I am writing to you today to thank you for your continuing interest in the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment, and to make you aware that the Interim Report for the Independent Review of Qualifications and Assessment has now been published. You can access the Interim Report directly [here](#).

The Interim Report provides detailed narrative of the work undertaken by the Review to date and provides an overview of work required as we enter the final phase of our work. In Phase One, as you are aware, we developed an underpinning Vision and set of Principles. In Phase Two, we considered options for change that would be consistent with the Vision and Principles. Now, in Phase Three, we are seeking views on a proposed new approach to qualifications and assessment in Scotland and, crucially, the steps that would be needed for a model such as this to be successful in practice. During Phase Three the Review will also consider relevant findings from the National Discussion on education.

The Independent Review Group and allied Collaborative Community Groups will continue to have in depth discussions on the proposals in Phase Three. As with the earlier stages of the Review materials will also be circulated to schools and colleges to support them in providing us with their views on the proposals and their practical implications. In addition, I am arranging several school and college visits which will help inform thinking on the model and its implications for practice.

I will continue to update the Committee on the work of the Review, and if you are agreeable, I would welcome another opportunity to meet with you and the Deputy Convener or with the Committee in the coming weeks. I would welcome your views. If you would be willing to meet with me, please contact my secretariat team [here](#) – they will be more than happy to arrange the discussion.

Yours sincerely,  
Professor Louise Hayward  
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