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By Email

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Dear Jenny,

In-principle agreement to additional provisions to the section 104 Scotland Act Order in consequence of the Education (Scotland) bill

Thank you for your letter to the Secretary of State of Education dated 6 June 2025 seeking in principle agreement to additional provisions to the Scotland Act Order that is being prepared in consequence of the Education (Scotland) Bill, once passed. I am replying on behalf of the UK Government.

I understand that these additional provisions are required to give effect to the Scottish Government's policy objective of ensuring that Qualifications Scotland, once established, is able to continue to provide all services and products currently delivered by the SQA.

My officials have worked closely with the Department for Education and officials in the Scottish Government to progress this Order, and I am content to provide in principle agreement to the Section 104 Scotland Act Order.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Education.

Yours sincerely,

**THE RT HON. IAN MURRAY MP
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND**