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Dear Mr Shevlin,

Audit of higher education in Scottish universities

Thank you for your letter of 14 September to Student Awards Agency Scotland (SAAS) concerning the report the Auditor General for Scotland has published, "Audit of higher education in Scottish universities". The report contained the following recommendation for the Scottish Government and SAAS to consider.

"Analyse existing student bursary and loan data to identify the impact of current student finance policies on different groups of students, such as those from deprived backgrounds or part-time students."

This recommendation will be considered in full, within the work of the forthcoming review of student support. The review will commence in October and is due to complete by autumn 2017. We fully expect to provide detailed analysis to assist with the completion of the review.

For the more immediate term, analysis by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), will be included, for the first time, in our annual statistics publication. We are due to publish this on Tuesday 25 October 2016.

I hope you find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

Paul Lowe
Chief Executive