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From The Secretary of State for Wales

The Rt Hon Peter Walker MBE MP

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EDUCATION REFORM BILL - ADVANCED FURTHER EDUCATION POOLING

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 19 April to Nicholas Ridley. I have noted your proposals.

While our regulations governing the calculation of contributions to the AFE pools in Wales are in this respect identical to yours, we do not find ourselves in quite the same position on this particular issue.

Upon investigation, some inconsistency in the counting of part-time students on courses of less than 19 weeks duration has been found but these are errors of de minimis proportions and can be corrected. We do not propose any departure from the existing formula.

You will wish to note therefore that your proposed provision for validating the 1987/88 contribution calculations should be restricted in coverage to England only.

/ Copies of this letter go to Members of E(EP).

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The Rt Hon Kenneth Baker MP
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