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Dear Gordon

Thank you very much for your letter of 21 September which helpfully set out NUS priorities for the year ahead.

There is much in the letter that is consistent with the work that I am taking forward, and I look forward to your continued active participation in the development of policy in, for example, the postgraduate review.

We are actively considering where to go next with student support in the context of the spending review, and we have the benefit of your separate submission to help inform that work. My office is looking for an opportunity for us to meet shortly and I hope we can discuss this and other issues covered by your letter then. I look forward also to discussing how we might continue to work together to support students in Scotland.

My diary secretary, Mark Lowe will be in contact shortly. Should you require anything in the meantime please contact him at cabsecell@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

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