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Dear Andrew Keenan,

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 19 August 2020. You requested “the terms of reference and membership of the Higher Education Taskforce announced by Michelle Donelan on Tuesday 18 August” and “the full contents of any emails sent from 1 July onwards between the Minister of State for Universities and her advisors/staff team, which discuss the National Union of Students (or any other direct student representation) as a potential member of the Taskforce”. I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“the Act”).

I can confirm that the Department for Education holds some of the information requested. A copy of the information which can be disclosed on “the membership of the Higher Education Taskforce announced by Michelle Donelan on Tuesday 18 August” is enclosed. Regarding the information you requested on “the full contents of any emails sent from 1 July onwards between the Minister of State for Universities and her advisors/staff team, which discuss the National Union of Students (or any other direct student representation) as a potential member of the Taskforce”, I have established that no such emails are held by the Department.

You also requested information on “the terms of reference” for the Higher Education Taskforce, I have established that no such documents are held by the Department. The information supplied to you continues to be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including for private study and non-commercial research, and for any other purpose authorised by an exception in current copyright law. Documents (except photographs) can be also used in the UK without requiring permission for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder.

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If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this letter. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel, which were not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office

Yours sincerely,

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