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Dear Tim,

#### HIGHER EDUCATION AND RESEARCH BILL – LORDS THIRD READING

During Lords Third Reading of the Higher Education and Research Bill on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, in the debate on your amendment to include age as a characteristic in the Transparency Duty I explained that in our first guidance to the Office for Students (OfS), we would set out our expectations for the consultation on what other information institutions might be expected to publish as part of their access and participation arrangements. I would like to clarify my statement on the timing of that guidance. Our first guidance to the OfS will be issued alongside or shortly after the launch of the OfS, which is planned for April 2018.

I am copying this letter to Lord Stevenson of Balmacara and placing a copy of it in the House library.

Yours ever,  
James

**VISCOUNT YOUNGER OF LECKIE**