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Baroness Randerson and Baroness Finlay of Llandaff

Dear Jenny and Ilora,

Thank you again for your engagement on the Professional Qualifications Bill, and for speaking at Committee on 22 June. I wanted to follow up on the questions you raised regarding the Education Workforce Council and Social Care Wales.

I want to begin by clarifying that both the Education Workforce Council and Social Care Wales are regulators to which the Bill applies, and that the Government recognises that these regulators are specific to teachers and social care professionals respectively who have qualified in Wales.

My officials have been engaging frequently with the Devolved Administrations and regulators in the devolved nations. They met the Education Workforce Council at the end of April; and they are due to meet the social care regulators next week to discuss the Bill, including Social Care Wales. I will ensure that the noble Lords are updated on those discussions in due course.

I hope this provides you with reassurance that the necessary engagement is taking place with regulators across the four nations of the UK and that it will continue throughout the passage of this Bill. I will share this letter with colleagues who spoke in this debate and a copy of this letter will be deposited in the Library of the House of Lords.

Yours sincerely,

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