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Dear Ioan,

I am writing to you regarding the designation of a person to provide the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research ('the Commission') with advice on the discharge of their duty to promote tertiary education through the medium of Welsh as provided for in the Tertiary Education and Research (Wales) Act 2022 ('the TER Act').

The TER Act, which received Royal Assent in September 2022, provides the statutory framework for the establishment of the Commission, and sets out 11 strategic duties, intended to frame the strategic direction and focus of the Commission and support the delivery of its functions, providing clarity as to its purpose and overarching remit.

One of these strategic duties (as provided for in section 9 of the TER Act) requires the Commission to encourage demand for, and participation in, tertiary education provided through the medium of Welsh.

The Commission is also required to take all reasonable steps to ensure there is sufficient tertiary education provided through the medium of Welsh to meet demand, and to encourage the provision of tertiary education through the medium of Welsh.

Section 9(2) of the TER Act requires the Welsh Ministers to designate a person to give relevant advice to the Commission on the discharge of this duty. Section 9(4) sets out matters that the Welsh Ministers must consider before designating such a person.

A person may be designated under subsection (2) only if the Welsh Ministers consider the person is suitable to give advice on the following matters:

- (a) the promotion, maintenance, development and planning of tertiary education provided in Wales through the medium of Welsh,
- (b) the promotion of the acquisition and improvement of Welsh language skills,
- (c) the maintenance, development, planning and provision of activities to support the acquisition and improvement of Welsh language skills, and

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

(d) collaboration between tertiary education providers in Wales in relation to the matters mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c).

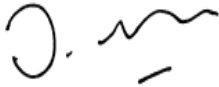
As a well-established provider with existing networks and a wealth of experience in developing and supporting Welsh-medium tertiary education, together with your experience of working with Welsh Government in a Welsh-medium related policy context, I consider you best placed to be designated as the person to provide advice to the Commission.

As such, and subject to your agreement, I hereby designate the Coleg as the person to give the Commission advice for the purpose of assisting it in the discharge of its duties under section 9(1) of the TER Act. The Commission will be required to have regard to any relevant advice you provide from April 2024, when I intend for the Commission to become operational.

This designation will remain in place until either you remove your consent or the Welsh Ministers remove the designation.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your agreement by 16th June 2023.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a wavy line and a short horizontal stroke.

Jeremy Miles AS/MS
Gweinidog y Gymraeg ac Addysg
Minister for Education and Welsh Language