9 September 2019

Dear Andrea,

RE: Follow-up from Committee session
I am writing to you following the appearance of the then Minister for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation, Chris Skidmore MP, before the House of Commons Science and Technology on 17 July 2019. He promised to provide further information on a few points, which I have listed below (the question numbers refer to the transcript of the session):

- **Q223** Please could you provide a list of the conversations and meetings the former Science Minister had, and that Government Ministers have since had, with other European higher education research Ministers.
- **Q224** Does associate membership with Horizon Europe remain the Government’s preferred option?
- **Qq229–232** Of the roughly £39bn covered in the financial settlement between the UK and the EU in the draft Agreement on the Withdrawal of the UK from the EU, how much relates to science spending?
- **Q246** When will the new funding for doctoral training centres be released?
- **Q266** The Committee would appreciate more details on UKRI’s workshops on managing foreign investment and collaboration on research areas with relevance to national security. For example, how often are such workshops held, which stakeholders are invited, how many have attended a workshop in the past year and what is discussed?
- **Q269** Please could you share the report from the Government Office for Science to the Home Office regarding the impact of the salary cap proposed by the Migration Advisory Committee on UK science and science workers?
- **Qq306–308** If the Government acts on the recommendation in the Augar Review to reduce university tuition fees to £7,500, will it ensure that any consequent shortfall in university funding will be covered by other means such that funding for research is unaffected?
- **Qq** When will the interim Adrian Smith Review report be published?

I would be grateful if you could respond to the Committee on these points as soon as possible. I will be publishing this letter on my Committee’s website today.

Yours,

Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
Chair

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1 Oral evidence taken before the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee on 17 July 2019, HC 1826