Dear David,

Legislative Consent Motion: Higher Education and Research Bill – UK Legislation

I am writing to notify you that, on 20 December 2016, the Scottish Parliament agreed to Legislative Consent Motion S5M-3181 on the Higher Education and Research Bill, which is currently under consideration at Westminster.

I attach an extract of the relevant Minutes of Proceedings and associated memorandum.

Yours sincerely,

P E GRICE
Clerk/Chief Executive
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Parliamentary Year 1, No. 57, Session 5
Meeting of the Parliament
Tuesday 20 December 2016

Note: (DT) signifies a decision taken at Decision Time.

The meeting opened at 2.00 pm.

6. Higher Education and Research Bill – UK Legislation: The Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills (John Swinney) moved S5M-3181—That the Parliament agrees that the relevant amendments to the Higher Education and Research Bill, introduced in the House of Commons, relating to extending the power of the Office for Students (OfS) to make arrangements under clause 25 of the Bill so as to also include Scottish higher education providers where Scottish Ministers consent; to allow joint working with Research England (UKRI) and the OfS and the Scottish Further and Higher Education Funding Council and clarify the Secretary of State’s powers to fund research, to ensure that they are as broad as the Research Councils, so far as these matters fall within the legislative competence of the Scottish Parliament or alter the executive power of Scottish Ministers, should be considered by the UK Parliament.

The motion was agreed to (DT).

The meeting closed at 5.58 pm.

P E Grice
Clerk of the Parliament
20 December 2016