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Dear William,


Thank you for your letter of 7 May in relation to January AS and A level assessments.

In my Written Statement on 15 April I set out that for those students who started their A level courses in September 2012, assessment opportunities should remain available to them in January 2014. I did not consider that it would be fair to withdraw these opportunities when candidates who are well into their courses have a legitimate expectation that these assessments will be available to them.

I was therefore disappointed to learn that WJEC had indicated in a letter to officials dated 7 May that they were not intending to offer the A level January assessments. I do not consider this to be in the best interests of candidates in Wales and I made this very clear to the WJEC's Board at a meeting on 9 May.

The Board responded positively at that meeting and indicated that they will offer the A level January assessments for candidates in Wales subject to receiving assurances relating to certain regulatory matters. My officials are currently dealing with the points raised by WJEC.

I can assure you that I will take whatever action is required to ensure that January assessment opportunities are made available, by WJEC, to A level candidates in Wales.

Yours sincerely,


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