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Dear Ms Neagle,

Inquiry into the Impact of Brexit on Higher and Further Education

Cardiff University wishes to thank you for the opportunity to provide additional evidence to the Children, Young People and Education Committee's inquiry into the impact of Brexit on higher and further education.

During the first evidence session of 12 July 2018, we discussed the impact Brexit may have on Cardiff University's accommodation and ability to host international conferences. As part of that discussion I indicated my intention to write to you with additional details regarding accommodation. To that end, I am pleased to present the following information to the Committee.

Cardiff University has a policy of guaranteeing accommodation for every 'firm' or 'insurance' offer holders for their first year of study. Some undergraduate students arriving through the clearing process may also be guaranteed, depending on availability. Cardiff University also has a policy of guaranteeing accommodation for overseas and EU postgraduates.

Every January we review the number of places we need to meet those policies for the forthcoming academic year. During the review we take into account the University recruitment target intake figures and the estimated demand for University residences based on previous sessions.

We then continue to monitor the position from January to September in line with any changes. If the calculations indicate that we do not have enough rooms to accommodate students who are guaranteed University residences, then we acquire accommodation in the private sector to meet the shortfall.

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The following are the number of places provided from 2013/14 to 2017/18:

- 2013/14
 - 5356 places in University accommodation
 - 221 rooms in the private sector
- 2014/15
 - 5538 places in University accommodation
 - 300 rooms in the private sector
- 2015/16
 - 5536 places in University accommodation
 - 247 rooms in the private sector
- 2016/17
 - 5536 places in University accommodation
 - 247 rooms in the private sector
- 2017/18
 - 5536 places in University accommodation
 - 395 rooms in the private sector

It is not possible to give an actual number of students in accommodation for the same years as the position is fluid; there are various intakes throughout the academic year and students may withdraw, for example. We monitor our vacancy position based on our standard residential period, which is in line with the standard University semester dates for undergraduate students studying on the Main Campus.

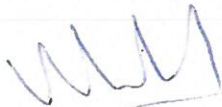
We can, however, provide the average occupancy rates for the academic years, including additional rooms in private sector halls of residences which we have acquired each year.

- 98% in 2013/14
- 97% in 2014/15
- 98% in 2015/16
- 97% in 2016/17
- 93% in 2017/18

Current calculations for 2018/19 indicate Cardiff University will not need any rooms in the private sector to supplement our residences provision.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information about the University and its activities.

Yours sincerely,



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