Dear Ms Clancy,

Proposed Higher Education (Wales) Bill passed by the National Assembly for Wales on 27 January 2015

Thank you for your letter of 28 January 2015 reminding me of my power under section 112 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 to refer the question of whether a Assembly Bill, or any provision of a Bill, would be within the Assembly’s legislative competence to the Supreme Court for decision.

I am of the view that none of the provisions in the Higher Education (Wales) Bill are outside the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales. As the intimation period ended yesterday you will be aware that I did not make a reference.

Yours sincerely,

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25th February 2015