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Dear Llywydd,

The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2020; the Education (Student Finance) (Amounts) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020; and the Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) (Revocation) Regulations 2020

In accordance with section 11A(4) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, as inserted by Sch.10 para 3 of the Government of Wales Act 2006, I am notifying you that these three Statutory Instruments (SIs) will come into force less than 21 days from the date of laying. The Explanatory Memoranda for these regulations are attached for your information.

The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 and the Education (Student Finance) (Amounts) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020 amend the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2017, the Education (Student Support) (Wales) Regulations 2018, the Education (Postgraduate Doctoral Degree Loans) (Wales) Regulations 2018 and the Education (Student Support) (Postgraduate Master's Degrees) (Wales) Regulations 2019.

The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) (Revocation) Regulations 2020 revoke the Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2020.

Student support regulations, made under section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1988, underpin the system of financial support for students who are ordinarily resident in Wales and taking designated courses of higher education.

The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 are intended to implement the Welsh Government's policy on student finance for the

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2020/21 academic year and were laid yesterday. They come into force before 21 days have elapsed. This is due to an administrative error when making and laying, resulting in no clear coming into force provision.

In light of this, the Minister for Education will revoke these regulations by way of the Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) (Revocation) Regulations 2020, which are laid today. The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) (Revocation) Regulations 2020 come into force the day after they are made, before 21 days have elapsed. This is necessary to ensure revocation of the original SI can happen in a timely manner.

The Education (Student Finance) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 are therefore revoked. The Education (Student Finance) (Amounts) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020 are also laid today (and contain identical substantive provisions to the regulations they replace). The Education (Student Finance) (Amounts) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020 have a coming into force date of 2 March 2020. This is before 21 days have elapsed. This is necessary to ensure these regulations are made at the same time as the Education (Student Support) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2020, on which I wrote to you separately yesterday (my reference: MA/KW/0556/20), as both sets of regulations are necessary to make the required amendments to student support legislation in time for the 2020/21 academic year. As I noted in my other letter, there is a need to enable the student finance application process to commence as soon as possible and avoid any unnecessary negative impact on students.

I should make clear that this does not have a material effect other than bringing the three sets of regulations into force before 21 days have elapsed.

Explanatory Memoranda have been prepared and laid, together with the regulations, in Table Office.

A copy of this letter goes to Mick Antoniw AM, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely,



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