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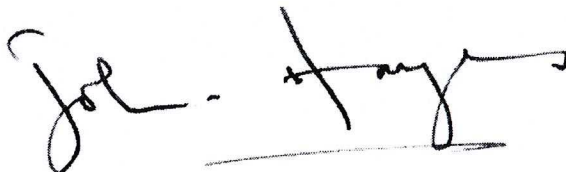
Dear Graham,

Thank you for your letter of 9 September, about Functional Skills in Apprenticeships.

As you know, my officials have worked with apprenticeship providers to understand the concerns they have raised in the delivery and assessment of Functional Skills within Apprenticeships. I want to reassure you that I am fully aware that there are issues implementing Functional Skills. The provision of maths and English in Apprenticeships is being considered in the context of the Government's response to the Wolf review and our review of literacy and numeracy provision for adults.

I want to ensure that your concerns are taken fully into account and I have asked my officials to engage further with you to help guarantee that English and maths qualifications in an Apprenticeship are both practical and accessible. They will contact you in the near future to confirm dates. I have written in similar terms to Jill Lanning and Martin Doel.

Yours sincerely,



JOHN HAYES