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*Dear Professor Buckingham*

Thank you for your letter of 12 February, addressed to Sir Andrew Carter, about the Carter Review proposals. I am responding as Secretary of State for Education.

I know that Sir Andrew and the review team were grateful for SCORE's contribution to the Carter Review. I was pleased that the report found that overall the ITT system is performing well. Following the review, I have committed to a range of recommendations in the short term, which include appointing an independent working group to develop a core ITT framework and commissioning the development of national standards for mentors. Once a group has been formed to take these forward, the secretariat will inform them of your interest and offer of assistance in gathering the necessary evidence.

I am glad that some of the review's findings supported those set out in your new publication on routes into teaching, which I would have liked to discuss with you further. I am sorry to say that, due to heavy diary pressures, I am unable to do so at this time. My officials in this department will be pleased to meet you, however, and will be in touch to discuss arrangements.

Thank you for writing to me and I look forward to our continued collaboration.

*Yours sincerely  
Nicky*

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