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The Rt Hon Tom King MP  
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Dear Tom,

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I have been following the correspondence about ways of ensuring that the proposal to transfer funds on non-advanced further education RSG to MSC does not lead to a net increase in expenditure.

I am of course not directly involved because the transfer outlined in the White Paper will not apply to Scotland. However I have noted your offer of a reduction of up to £5 million in grant in aid to the MSC in your letter of 21 February to Peter Rees. I would expect MSC activities in Scotland to be exempted from the effects of such a reduction. It may be proper for MSC activities in England and Wales to be abated in this way, but it would be quite wrong for the allocation of grant in aid for MSC activities in Scotland to be affected by your proposal. Should it be agreed I would ask you to bear in mind my concern on this point.

I am copying this letter to the recipients of yours.

Yours ever,  
George



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