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**Subject:** RE: URGENT: SQA response

Fine with Ms Somerville too

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Ok by me

Regards

**Colin McAllister**

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Adding Malcolm for awareness.

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Hi all

The below is a proposed statement from Fiona Robertson that the SQA intend to issue. The SQA are keen for us to have sight before they issue - please return any comments by 16:10.

Thanks

[REDACT, s. 38(1)(b)]

SQA Chief Executive Fiona Robertson said,

“I welcome the review announced today by the Cabinet Secretary and SQA will play a full part in that review. Our focus remains on working with the whole education system to support our young people to get the qualifications they deserve this year.

“The successful delivery of qualifications in Scotland relies on all parts of the education system working together in partnership. It is important that our qualifications meet the needs of learners and employers, and support our economic recovery.”

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**Sent:** 03 June 2021 16:16  
**To:** [Redacted under S.38(1)(b)]  
**Subject:** RE: Response to reform anno

Hi [Redacted under S.38(1)(b)]

All good to go. Thanks for letting us have sight.  
Regards  
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**Subject:** Response to reform anno

Hi [Redacted under S.38(1)(b)]  
We're intending to issue this asap. Is that okay with you?  
Thanks  
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