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Dear Mr Williams,

ESF (Amendment) Bill 2007

Thank you for your letter of 28 June 2007, which I have copied to ESF.

I recognise your concern about the importance of government representation on the Board of Governors of ESF. I understand that members of the ESF community were themselves keen for the Education Bureau to have at least one seat on the Board, as they currently have places on both the Foundation and the Executive Committee. However the Education Bureau were unwilling to accept a place. The support shown by members of your association for Hong Kong is beyond question, and I do not think that ESF's request for early payment of the September fee should be interpreted as denying this.

As to the Nominating Committee, ESF tells me that the involvement of the Chambers of Commerce is proposed because the business world is likely to be the major source of independent community representatives to serve on the Board and School Councils. Under the present Ordinance, a number of major business organisations have the right to nominate members directly to the Foundation. The views of experienced business people who will be the future employers of the students presently in the schools are vital to the development of a relevant curriculum and programmes of study. The Nominating Committee itself will have no direct influence on the way ESF is run.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to clarify these points of concern.

Yours sincerely,

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