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To: SQA Co-ordinator
Secondary Schools
Cc: CAMs, Directors of Education, Key Stakeholders

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Dear Colleague

Survey Notification: Selection of New Subject Name for Home Economics

Please pass a copy of this letter to the members of staff responsible for Home Economics Courses.

Last year, the Scottish Qualifications Authority undertook a survey into stakeholders' perceptions of the name 'Home Economics'. Stakeholders were defined as secondary school students of Home Economics, teachers of Home Economics and career advisers in Scotland. The findings were presented to the SQA Home Economics Assessment Panel in November 2003, who decided that the subject name should be changed.

Earlier this year, a second survey was undertaken to ascertain the views of additional stakeholders: those in further and higher education and employers. The responses to this survey validated the previous findings.

The final stage of this survey is now to allow all previously surveyed stakeholders to contribute to the selection of the new subject name. Your views and those of your students are essential to this final selection process.

We therefore seek your kind co-operation in completing a survey, and encouraging as many of your students who take Home economics, at any level between S1-S6, to log onto the SQA website and complete a survey between the 5th and 30th April 2004.

To access the online survey:

Please open SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk) and click on the NQ logo, which appears on the right-hand side of the screen. In the new page, click on 'NQ News' in the 'In this section' menu. The link to the online survey appears as the top item in NQ news.

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Please open SQA's website (www.sqa.org.uk) and click on the NQ logo, which appears on the right-hand side of the screen. In the new page, choose 'Home Economics' from the 'select

a subject' drop-down menu. The link to the online survey appears as the top item in the NQ Home Economics subject page.

You can access the survey by logging onto the website any time between the 5th and 30th April. Responses are anonymous and confidential. We do hope you will assist your students to participate in any way you can. The survey takes only a few minutes but will have a major impact on SQA policy making.

Should you require any further details about this survey, please contact our survey co-ordinator whose details are below:

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Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully



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