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To: Head of Centre

cc Directors of Education, SCIS, Scottish Executive
Key Stakeholders, Teaching Associations and
SQA Co-ordinators (all centres)

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Dear Colleague

Consultation on:

- i) Scottish Group Awards**
- ii) Project-based National Courses**

Following the Review of Scottish Group Awards, the Scottish Executive's National Qualifications Steering Group (NQSG) has asked that there should be a full consultation on the future of these qualifications.

Because Project-based National Courses were developed to extend the range and flexibility of Scottish Group Awards, it has also been decided to consult on their future.

The consultation on Core Skills will now take place at a later date.

Please note, however, that the two consultations are independent. I would, nevertheless, like to have your views on the future of both Scottish Group Awards and Project-based National Courses. If you have no strong views on the future of either or both, it would be helpful to know that. We are committed to taking account of the views of all stakeholders.

I enclose one pack containing both consultation papers. The pack contains:

- ◆ a paper giving the background to the consultation
- ◆ a brief summary of the review outlining the options for change

A consultation response form is enclosed with this letter. I look forward to receiving your responses, the closing date for which is 31 October 2003. If, in the meantime, you have any questions about either consultation, please contact Tom Stannage at the above address.

Yours faithfully

Tom Drake
Acting Director of Qualifications

How to respond to this consultation

We would welcome your response to this consultation and a response form, setting out all the points for comment, is attached. It also allows you to raise other issues you would like us to take account of when analysing responses.

We will accept responses from organisations and individuals. Respondents should indicate clearly whether they are acting as individuals or on behalf of their organisation.

Format of response

Responses will be accepted in the following formats:

- ◆ written submission using the attached form to the address shown below (additional sheets may be used)
- ◆ fax using the attached form (marked *SQC Consultation FAO Margaret Miller*):
fax number: 0141-242 2424
- ◆ response using SQA's website: **www.sqa.org.uk**

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