

Designation of a body for English higher education information

Universities UK response

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Universities UK supports the Higher Education Statistics Agency's (HESA) expression of interest to be the designated data body (DDB). HESA can meet all the conditions required of the DDB. Universities UK is not aware of any other body that could meet the requirements. It is essential that the Office for Students (OfS) designates a data body to carry out the relevant functions.

The data body will play an important role in delivering the new regulatory framework. It is also essential that the OfS protects the independence and expertise of the designated body. The role of the DDB should give the sector confidence in the judgement of the OfS, and the efficiency and effectiveness of the new framework.

In the context of an increasingly competitive sector, the DDB must demonstrate its ongoing commitment to increasing efficiency and effectiveness, and reducing burdens on higher education providers. This would include coordination with other sector bodies to avoid duplication. Universities UK expects to work with the DDB to meet these commitments when the DDB commences its work.

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