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Dear Kristian

Many thanks for your letter of 28 September (received 12 October) setting out the Association's comments on the 2016 MCAT and members' responses to your survey on the assessment.

Firstly, thank you for undertaking the survey and for providing the results which we will ensure are fully considered and addressed in the assessment report on the 2016 MCAT, (which will be published early next year). We will also review the survey results in the development of the 2017 MCAT. The responses by your members are very constructive and helpful.

We agree with your comments on the communication and we know that we did not provide the level of information that teachers and students needed. This did not work for teachers and students as we had intended and we certainly acknowledge and regret the difficulties this has caused. The point noted in responses about the need for more exemplars is well made and this has been strongly echoed in comments from teachers generally. We will ensure that sufficient exemplars are provided in future.

We are reviewing the way we communicate and engage with teachers as a consequence of this MCAT this year. It's important that we work closely with mathematics teachers to ensure that we can provide the right support and information for assessment.

Thank you again for your comments and for the survey responses. I can assure you these will be fully considered.

Yours sincerely



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