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Dear Mr Batho,

HEI teaching funding subject price groups consultation

The Council for the Mathematical Sciences (comprising the Edinburgh Mathematical Society, the Institute of Mathematics and its Applications, the London Mathematical Society, the Royal Statistical Society and the Operational Research Society) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Scottish Funding Council's proposed changes to teaching funding subject price groups. We agree that the evidence supports a significant reduction in the number of subject price groups, and that it is sensible to base the price groups on HESA cost centres.

We strongly support the proposed placing of the HESA cost centre Mathematics (i.e. mathematics and statistics) in price group C. Mathematics and statistics teaching is increasingly reliant on computer laboratories, sophisticated computer software and specialist technical support, and there is a steady increase in the cost of teaching Mathematics to the level necessary to equip our graduates with the skills that will enable them to contribute to the modern Scottish economy. Mathematics and statistics are at the heart of important developments in life sciences, medicine, engineering, economics and finance. Our graduates must have the training and ability to apply their mathematical skills to problems in these and other areas in leading Scottish companies and research organisations.

Yours sincerely,



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