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such studies from so doing.

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Do you have any further comments?

It is not clear that a student with an integrated master's qualification (referred to as MMath below, but including MPhys, MSci etc) would still receive HEFCE funding for an MSc course, given that both qualifications would be at the 'second cycle' level in terms of the Bologna Process.

It is important to realise the different purposes that MMath and MSc courses can serve. Many mathematical MScs act as a 'conversion' for specialism in an area useful for employment - such specialism would not normally be available on an MMath course. The suggestion that completing an MMath course would disqualify a student from funding for a more specialist MSc course would be very unfortunate. MSc courses can also serve as training for those who are returning to the discipline after a period in employment and who would be using the course as a route to a PhD or another career.

With this in mind we welcome the sentiment in paragraph 13 'the Government's new policy implies that progression into, or through, higher education should continue to attract public funding'. It is important to ensure that the MMath-MSc route is seen as 'progression through' higher education in t
