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Higher Education Estate Management Statistics Project (EMS)

I am pleased to enclose the 2002 Annual Report for the EMS project which reports on the ongoing progress and findings of the estates management statistics initiative during the year.

EMS is an established primary source for estates information in higher education. An annual survey of institutions has shown confidence in EMS is growing and almost 90% of responding institutions consider the value of the EMS information has improved in 2002. You will note that the headline results in this year's report includes comparison between the positions in England, Wales and Scotland.

The initiative has now produced three years of results and is currently entering into its fourth year of data collection. Receipt of data will, however be requested earlier this year to enable earlier delivery of the report to the sector. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring the continuing value of this exercise.

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