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N Pauline Latham (Mid Derbyshire): To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, if he will review the arrangements governing the British Council's ability to compete for private-sector education contracts to ensure that British private-sector education providers abroad are able to compete on a level playing field.

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Date Answered

18 October 2013

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I announced on 16 July that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office is conducting a Triennial Review of the British Council (Official Record 16 July Column 81 WS). The outcome of the Review is due to be published in early 2014.

Competition questions relating to British Council income generating activity form part of the Review. The Review Team has spoken to a wide range of interested parties in the UK and overseas, including other British education providers. A month long online public consultation received several hundred responses, some from private sector companies.