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**Subject: Consultation on the overlap of intellectual property protection between Industrial Designs and**

Hello,

With regard to the request for submissions to the Consultation on the overlap of intellectual property protection between Industrial Designs and Copyright law, please see below:

“It is not anticipated that there would be a major impact of the repeal of Section 31A and Section 78B on the education sector. Moreover, a short transition period would seem reasonable given the oncoming changes expected with the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on Copyright in the Digital Single Market. One area the Department may give some consideration to is the existence of digital reusable learning objects that have been created using material that was copyright free because of Sections 31A and 78B. Educational facilities would need to be appropriately informed of the implications of the repeal of Section 31A and 78B so that they can assess their existing digital content and remove any material that may become in breach of copyright once Sections 31A and 78B are repealed.”

Thank you

Regards,

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