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**Government response to Select Committee on Selection**

Commenting on the Government's response to the Education Select Committee report on Selection, SHA General Secretary, Dr John Dunford, said,

It is disappointing that the Government response is limited to removing selection by aptitude only from new technology colleges.

Selection by aptitude is an inexact science and is little more than a euphemism for selection by ability.

Selection by aptitude has the potential to distort an already complex admissions system and SHA looked for a stronger response from the Secretary of State. We do not want a secondary school system in which the pecking order of schools is accentuated by selection on aptitude.

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