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Ein cyf/Our ref KW/03386/20
Janet Finch-Saunders MS
Chair, Petitions Committee

Dear Janet Finch-Saunders MS,

30 June 2020

Thank you for your letter of 23 June following my response to your previous letter regarding the petition that seeks the Welsh Government to amend the law to extend age of entitlement to additional educational support from 25 to 26 years of age, and to define within Government guidance the COVID-19 pandemic as an exceptional circumstance.

In light of the correspondence enclosed with your letter from the Petitioner, I have asked my officials to consider the issues raised in more detail so I can provide a more substantive response. I will therefore provide a response prior to recess unless you let me know that you need the reply by a specific date.

In the meantime, you may wish to be aware that, to date, four requests for an extension to an agreed programme of study have been submitted, which include reasons relating to the impact of COVID-19. These requests have been considered on a case by case basis and in line with the policy and I can confirm that they have been approved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams', written in a cursive style.

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