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Dear Jayne

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the draft budget 2024-25 proposals for the Education and Welsh Language Main Expenditure Group at our evidence session on 17 January. Please find enclosed the further information on two actions to inform your ongoing budget scrutiny.

Breakdown of resource reductions 2023-24

Annex A provides a breakdown by Budget Expenditure Line (BEL) of the resource reductions totalling £74.7m announced by the Minister for Finance and Local Government on 17 October 2023, which will be formalised as part of the Second Supplementary Budget 2023-24 on 20 February. As I confirmed to the Committee, the savings have been identified through a review of uncommitted expenditure and a re-profiling of demand led budgets.

Degree apprenticeships

As the Committee is aware, I share the responsibility for degree apprenticeships with the Minister for Economy and I am working with him to support the delivery and planning for the apprenticeship budget. Apprenticeship delivery will be managed by the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research from 1 April. Whilst the amount of funding that will be ringfenced for degree apprenticeships cannot be confirmed at this stage, I can confirm the appropriate budget will be transferred from the Economy MEG in the supplementary budget for 2024-25.

I will provide a response on the two remaining actions from our evidence session once notified.

Yours sincerely,

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Annex A – Breakdown of £74.7m resource reductions for 2023-24

BEL Name	2023-24 Reprioritisation to Reserves £000
Curriculum & Assessment	-489
Teacher Development & Support	-2,340
Qualifications Wales	0
Post-16 Provision	-8,498
International Learning Exchange Programme	0
Commission for Tertiary Education & Research	-200
HEFCW Programme Expenditure	-670
School Improvement Grant	-2,155
School Standards Support	0
Tackling Barriers to Attainment	0
Supporting Digital Learning in Education	-450
Additional Learning Needs	0
Food & Nutrition in Schools	-12,340
Post 16 Specialist Placements	0
Whole School Approach to Wellbeing	-1,630
Vulnerable Groups	-200
Student Support Grants ¹	-44,636
SLC/HMRC Admin	0
Tackling Disaffection	0
Community Schools	-270
Offender Learning	0
Youth Engagement & Employment	-850
Education Communications	0
International Education Programme	0
Welsh in Education	0
Welsh Language	0
Welsh Language Commissioner	0
Education Infrastructure	0
Total	-74,728

¹ The full reduction to this BEL to be formalised in the Second Supplementary Budget 2023-24 is £53.4m, of which £44.6m is being returned to reserves with the balance of £8.8m utilised within the MEG.