

The Rt Hon Bridget Phillipson MP  
Secretary of State for Education  
UK Government

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Dear Bridget,

### **Apprenticeship Levy reform**

I am chair of the Senedd's Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee. I was interested to hear in the King's Speech that the UK Government intends to reform the Apprenticeship Levy. I also note from your joint [statement](#) with the Prime Minister that Skills England will have a large role to play in the new Growth and Skills Levy.

The Apprenticeship Levy is a matter of interest to the Committee. On 18 January, Vaughan Gething MS, who was at the time Welsh Minister with responsibility for apprenticeships, [told our Committee](#) "the Levy doesn't deliver for Wales." He also called for a reformed Levy which would be more transparent.

I am interested in your plans for reform and the impact they may have on businesses and apprentices in Wales. Please could you let me know:

- Any detail you can share on the reform plans at this point, particularly anything around your thinking on how the proposed changes will affect Wales; and
- What role you anticipate the Welsh Government will play in this reform process.

I look forward to hearing from you and following the progress of Apprenticeship Levy reform.



I have copied this letter to Jo Stevens MP, Secretary of State for Wales, and Jack Sargeant MS, Minister for Social Partnership, for their information.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping tail on the 's'.

**Paul Davies MS**

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

