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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 30 May on behalf of the Committee about university tuition fees.

The Welsh Government has set a clear strategy in terms of its tuition fee and student support policies - the policies we introduced in 2012-13 will remain in place at least until the end of the current Assembly term. As for the future, my Written Statement of 19 February contained details of the review by Professor Sir Ian Diamond which I have established to look at the future funding of higher education and student finance in Wales. The review has been tasked with providing the Welsh Government with a report containing advice and recommendations for future funding arrangements in Wales that are deliverable, affordable and sustainable and focussed on the Welsh Government's priorities of widening access, supporting the skills needs of Wales, strengthening part-time and postgraduate provision and providing long-term financial sustainability. The review will consider evidence from stakeholders, including prospective students, and gather and evaluate data, research and other evidence to inform its advice and recommendations to the Welsh Government.

Sir Ian will report his findings in September 2016. I have asked my officials to forward the Petitions Committee's letter to Sir Ian and the review panel so that they may take this into account alongside other evidence submitted to the review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Huw Lewis'.

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