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Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-567
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Dear William

Petition – P-04-567 A fair deal for Welsh students

Thank you for letter of 14 August regarding the above petition. You may be aware that the correspondent submitted a very similar petition in 2009 (P-03-204 refers). I understand my predecessor responded comprehensively to all of the issues raised by the correspondent and the Petitions Committee at the time. This latest petition in my view raises no new issues.

The Committee will be aware that higher education institutions are independent and autonomous bodies responsible for their own academic and administrative affairs including student complaints. Similarly, HEIs are responsible for issues in relation to academic, staffing and structural changes arising from institutional mergers. The Welsh Government has no locus in such matters and I am unable to comment further.

Yours sincerely

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