



Russell George AM
Chair
Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Russell,

Thank you for your letter of 14 May 2018 referring to the evidence of the impact of the Apprenticeship Levy in Wales, that was submitted to the Economy Infrastructure and Skills Committee (19 April 2018).

I would like to reiterate our position regarding the funding of non civilian police staff i.e. that there is no agreement in place that the Welsh Government should fund the training of police officers or community support officers.

Training of Police Officers is a very specific and specialised skill set that is not transferable in the market. However, for the last few years the Welsh Government has supported a range of administration, ICT and financial apprenticeships for the Welsh Police Forces. These skills are considered to be portable in terms of their content so are transferable across the local labour market. In addition for 2017-18, we provided the Welsh Police Forces with a one-off sum of c. £500,000 to support the development costs of their new curriculum and changes resulting from this; and recognises the contribution that the four forces make to our society.

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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.

Our most recent correspondence with the Home Office was a letter sent earlier this month in response to a letter we received from the four Police and Crime Commissioners and Chief Constables of Wales, regarding the impact of the Apprenticeship Levy on the training needs of their forces. We urged that UK Government Departments should work together to find a solution to support training associated with the PEQF (Police Education Qualifications Framework). Whilst there has been no definitive answer to date, we are still working with the Home Office to find a resolution and we will inform the Committee immediately when a way forward has been determined.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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