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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter dated 31 July with regards to Petition P-05-873 – ‘Free Welsh Lessons for the People of Wales’. Further information in response to the committee’s discussions regarding this petition on 9 July is included below.

Numbers trained to deliver Welsh teaching

According to information gathered by the National Centre for Learning Welsh, 575 tutors currently teach mainstream Learn Welsh courses. As I mentioned in my letter dated 28 June, the Centre’s five-year Workforce Development Plan explains how it will support and strengthen the workforce over this period. As part of this work, a new qualification has been developed to train individuals joining the Learn Welsh tutor workforce. This qualification will be available from September 2019. The Centre aims to ensure that 30 individuals gain this qualification annually.

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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.

Number of free and affordable places for Welsh learners

For the first time, one common course fee (of £90 per course) will be introduced by all Learn Welsh providers from September 2019. The National Centre for Learning Welsh's fee policy also allows providers to offer discounts of up to 100% for priority courses and/or in order to target specific audiences. Approximately one third of the 1,500 Learn Welsh courses offered annually are currently discounted.

Yours sincerely,

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

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