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Dear Elin,

During my Oral Questions session on Wednesday 10 July, there was a factual error in my response to a supplementary question from Julie Morgan MS.

In describing the geographic reach of the junior department of the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama, I quoted figures for drama provision rather than music provision. These two sets of figures had been inadvertently mixed up in my briefing document.

As reflected in the [record of proceedings](#), I said, 'the vast majority—almost 80 per cent—live in Cardiff and the surrounding south-east Wales area. There are, for example, no students from north Wales and Ceredigion'. In fact, figures provided to me by the College show that, for music provision, 72% are from Cardiff and the South East, there is one participant from North Wales and five participants from West Wales. The College's figures are not broken down further by local authority, so there is not a specific figure available for participants from Ceredigion.

My office is already in the process of contacting the Chamber Secretariat to request a correction to the record of proceedings at the earliest opportunity. I wish to offer my sincere apologies to you and to Julie Morgan MS, to whom I am copying this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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