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Dear Andrew,

I write in response to WQ91306, WQ91307, WQ91308, WQ91309, WQ91310, WQ91311, WQ91312, WQ91313

What action is the Minister taking to support hair and beauty apprenticeships in Wales? (WQ91306)

What action is the Minister taking to support catering apprenticeships in Wales? (WQ91307)

What action is the Minister taking to support hospitality apprenticeships in Wales? (WQ91308)

What steps is the Minister taking to encourage a greater participation in intermediate apprenticeships? (WQ91309)

What steps is the Minister taking to encourage a greater participation in advanced apprenticeships? (WQ91310)

What steps is the Minister taking to encourage a greater participation in higher apprenticeships? (WQ91311)

What steps is the Minister taking to encourage a greater participation in degree apprenticeships? (WQ91312)

What steps is the Minister taking to encourage a greater participation in agriculture, environment and animal care apprenticeships? (WQ91313)

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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.

Apprenticeship investment remains a key spending priority and despite the current financial backdrop the Welsh Government are making a significant investment in apprenticeships over the next financial year. Informed by Regional Skills Partnerships (RSPs), LMI and interaction with sector bodies we will continue to support apprenticeships at all levels in a diverse range of sectors throughout Wales.

We are also encouraging participation in apprenticeships by raising awareness of the programme and promoting the benefits to both employers and learners via a range of marketing and communications activity throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

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