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Dear Rhys,

Thank you for your Written Question 90215 regarding the decision to cut the budget for apprenticeship programmes.

Acknowledging the concerns raised during the Draft Budget scrutiny, the previous Minister for Economy determined to reverse the planned £5.25m cut to the apprenticeship programme in 2024-25 – meaning we will invest over £143m next year in quality apprenticeships which deliver long-term benefits and stronger careers.

This decision recognises the importance of apprenticeships to our aims of long-term prevention, supporting efforts to tackle poverty, wider improved longer-term outcomes, and supporting economic growth.

Yours sincerely,

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