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Dear Luke,

Thank you for your Written Question 91646 regarding Treasury figures to support the previous Ministers statement to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on 13 November 2023 regarding the apprenticeship levy creating a hole in the Welsh Government budget?

I assume you refer to the meeting on 13 December. It is not possible to obtain HM Treasury figures on Wales' contribution towards the total UK apprenticeship levy. The Welsh Government was allocated a population share of expected levy revenues in 2017-18, a total of £128 million.

However, at the same time as the UK Government introduced the levy it also closed its existing apprenticeship programmes. In that year and subsequent years, this negatively affected the block grant to Wales from HM Treasury via the Barnett formula. Overall, the cost of the levy to employers in Wales is much bigger than the increase to the Welsh Government budget which accompanied its introduction.

Yours sincerely,

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