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Dear William

Petition P-04-581 Opposition to Cuts in Provision for Learners of English as an Additional Language

Thank you for your further letter of 18 June about the above petition. I have noted the information you have attached to your letter.

As you know from my letter of 21 April, the Minority Ethnic Achievement Grant became part of the Education Improvement Grant (EIG) on 1 April. The Welsh Government is presently agreeing with local authorities and regional consortia outcome measures and headline activity for the EIG which support our education improvement plan, Qualified for Life. We will ensure that the needs of minority ethnic learners are being adequately addressed through this planning process and that robust support is provided to all learners who may be at risk of failing, or who need additional support.

From 2016-17, the Welsh Government will implement a more formal Outcomes Framework developed with local authorities and regional consortia and this will encompass the needs of all learners, including those from a minority ethnic background.

Yours sincerely

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