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Dear Mr Davies,

Thank you for your correspondence of 1 August, addressed to the Secretary of State, regarding the Apprenticeship Levy. I am replying as the minister responsible for this policy area.

Thank you for enquiring about our plans to reform the Apprenticeships Levy into a more flexible Growth and Skills Levy and the implications that this will have for Wales. You will appreciate that, as education, training and skills is a devolved matter, skills policy in Wales is the responsibility of the Welsh Government.

When designing how the Growth and Skills Levy will operate in England, we will engage the devolved nations on the impact of the changes. I can assure you that we will share further detail with the Welsh Government as soon as we are able to do so.

Thank you for writing to me. I look forward to working closely with the Welsh Government going forward.

Yours sincerely,

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