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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 12 June on behalf of the Petitions Committee.

The Welsh Minsters have no specific statutory powers on the use of hourly based and fixed term contracts. I do note however that the UK government has launched an “informal” review of the use of zero hours contracts, which will be published in the autumn.

In terms of the FE sector in Wales I would hope that a national contract would start to improve on the current conditions which exist for part time hourly paid contract holders. I would therefore urge the trades unions and ColegauCymru to continue with their negotiations.

After three years of hard negotiating, I hope the result is a Common Contract, agreed by all parties, that is of benefit to the FE sector as a whole, and ultimately, of benefit to our learners in Wales.

Best Regards
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