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Dear Adam

I promised to write with a substantive reply to the question you recently tabled:

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of student debt in Wales? (WQ89684)

The average loan balance on entry into repayment is published by the Students Loan Company and Welsh students remain, on average, lower than their English counterparts. Repayment is not based on the size of the loan but rather the amount the student earns above a certain threshold. Repayment arrangements for students starting courses are more progressive than in England, as is the student support package. The Welsh Government also provides a partial write-off of student debt when a student begins repayment, a scheme unique in the UK.

Many apologies for the delay in my response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Miles', with a wavy line above the name and a short horizontal line below it.

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