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Dear Luke,

Thank you for your written question WQ91643 regarding the modelling data indicating the effect of apprenticeship budget reductions on the number of new starts during the 2024-25 contract year and WQ91644 regarding the publication of the analysis and advice that ensures that the cuts to the apprenticeship programme budget comply with the socio-economic duty, given their disproportionate impact on individuals from disadvantaged areas.

Prior to the reversal of the proposed £5.25m cut to apprenticeship funding, Welsh Government modelling agreed with network estimates that starts would be impacted by around 10,000 or 50%. My officials are undertaking close work with the network to plan delivery to maximise the use of available funding which will inform future modelling. The Strategic Integrated Impact Assessment (SIIA) outlines the impacts of budget decisions, which is available at WG SIIA Draft Budget 2024 to 2025. Alongside this, responses of individual Ministers to their respective policy committees with the associated consideration of impacts is available at WG Draft Budget 2024-25 web page.

Yours sincerely,

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