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Dear Nick

Thank you for your letter of 20 September outlining proposals for an Apprenticeship Levy across the UK.

As you note skills policy, including apprenticeships is a devolved matter. I understand our officials have already met. Continued transparent working will enable us to understand and respond on the detail of your plans. It would be particularly helpful to know the basis on which the levy will be raised.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Wales.

Yours sincerely

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