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Masnach a Materion Gwledig**

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**Economy, Trade, and
Rural Affairs Committee**

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Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages

Baroness Jean Coussins

Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Modern Languages

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Dear Tonia and Jean,

Proposed closures in languages and cultures at Cardiff University

Thank you for your letter of 3 April regarding the proposed closure of degrees in languages and cultures at Cardiff University.

While we note your concerns it is not the responsibility of Senedd Committees to carry out economic impact assessments.

You may be aware that the Senedd's Children, Young People and Education (CYPE) Committee and the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations (CCWLSIR) Committee are carrying out inquiries which relate to the issues you have raised. The CYPE Committee is carrying out a short inquiry into issues facing the Higher Education Sector, and is due to receive evidence from Cardiff University in June.

We are currently keeping a watching brief on the situation in Welsh Higher Education and intend to follow the work of these Committees, and will pursue issues as necessary regarding any concerns raised around the potential economic impact of the proposed closures.

I have copied this letter to Buffy Williams MS and Delyth Jewel MS in their roles as Chair of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, and the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee respectively.

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Kind regards,

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