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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1403  
Ein cyf/Our ref LN/05124/24  
Jack Sargeant MS  
Chair – Petitions Committee  
Senedd Cymru  
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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 2 April 2024 regarding 'Petition P-06-1403 Reconsider cuts to Postgraduate funding and increase Doctoral Loans to match UKRI Stipend'. You note that the petitioner has raised further points.

Impact assessment was undertaken in connection with the change to the provision of statutory student support to postgraduate Master's students. The regulations made to remove postgraduate Master's grants, laid with the Senedd on 15 April 2024, were accompanied by an Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment which is available on the Senedd's website at <https://business.senedd.wales/mglIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=43664>. Stakeholder engagement is recorded in that document. In addition, an Integrated Impact Assessment, which includes an Equality Impact Assessment, was completed. In accordance with Welsh Government policy, certain sections are published and are available at <https://www.gov.wales/postgraduate-masters-support-2024-2025-academic-year-impact-assessment>.

The Welsh Government does not collect any data regarding the outcomes for postgraduate Master's students whose study has been supported by the Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely

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