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Eluned Morgan, Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language  
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Dear Minister,

We note that we have not received a response to our letter dated 17 December regarding our concerns about the proposed cuts to Welsh-language budgets and projects in the draft budget.

In the meantime, your comments before the Culture Committee and in Chamber lead to further questions about cuts that you are planning to specific budgets to promote the Welsh language.

Therefore, further to our previous letter, we would like responses to the following questions:

- on what basis have you decided to cut the budget of the National Centre for Learning Welsh to fund projects to mitigate the effects of Brexit?
- why have you not decided to reinvest any savings in the National Centre for Learning Welsh budget into specific projects or other organisations that promote the language or create Welsh speakers?
- on what basis did you decide not to provide an increase in line with inflation to the 'Welsh language' expenditure line, which is the expenditure line of £20.9 million?
- on what basis did you decide not to provide an increase in line with inflation to the 'Welsh Language Commissioner' expenditure line, which is the expenditure line of £3.2 million?
- when you appeared before the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee, you said that investment in the Welsh language was being mainstreamed in the budget for next year. Could you therefore list examples of specific budgets that will be spending a higher percentage on Welsh medium provision and how much more will these investments be?

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- specifically in terms of mainstreaming the Government's investment in the Welsh language, could you let us know whether there will be an increase in the following next year:
  - the percentage of Welsh language apprenticeships funded through the apprenticeships budget;
  - the expenditure on childcare offered through the medium of Welsh;
  - the expenditure on films;
  - the expenditure on arts activities through the medium of Welsh;
  - the expenditure on Welsh medium further education.

We would appreciate a prompt reply to our enquiries.

Yours sincerely,

Bethan Ruth

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