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*Dear Michael*

I note that you asked a question to Baroness Stedman-Scott about music education hubs during a Department for Work and Pensions Oral Question Session on 1 October. Baroness Stedman-Scott has asked me to reply to you on behalf of the Government.

The Government believes that music is an important subject and that all pupils should receive a high quality music education, at least up to age 14. That is why the subject is compulsory in the national curriculum and why this government is providing funding of over £300 million for music education hubs between 2016 and 2020.

Music education hubs have done excellent work to ensure there is more equitable access to music education. Their funding for 2019-20 was announced on 11 January 2019. We are not yet in a position to confirm funding for music education hubs for the financial year 2020-21. With regard to funding for music education hubs beyond March 2021, that will be subject to the 2020 Spending Review.

We remain proud of our National Plan for Music Education, setting an ambitious vision for music education for every child, regardless of their background. We are working to refresh the Plan and an announcement on this will be made in due course.

I hope this answer has been useful and will place a copy in the house libraries.

With best wishes.

*Yours sincerely*

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