Dear Mile,

Thank you very much for your involvement in the Technical and Further Education Bill, especially following the Bill completing its passage through the House. During Lords Consideration of Commons amendments earlier this week you asked me to write to clarify matters around the estimated annual cost of amendment 1a on child benefit; please find some information about this below.

**Technical and Further Education Bill: estimated annual cost of Amendment 1a on Child Benefit**

The estimate, of over £200m per year by Financial Year 2020/21, was an initial estimate based on Child Benefit rates and projected numbers of Child Benefit recipients and Apprentices aged under 20. It was not certified by the OBR. It did not include the cost of paying other benefits which this amendment could impact, such as Child Tax Credit and the child elements of Working Tax Credit or Universal Credit – these would be additional.

I hope this response helps to reach an understanding of the estimate. As I mentioned during our discussion, we intend to review how we target apprenticeship funding, including how it should best support apprenticeship jobs for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

I would like to thank you again for your input into the Bill, which I am very pleased we managed to complete before Parliament dissolved. I will place a copy of this letter in the House library.

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LORD NASH