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By email: luke.evans.mp@parliament.uk

Dear Dr Luke Evans,

The Department for Education (DfE) has asked me to respond to you directly regarding the following Parliamentary Question:

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, what progress she has made on updating apprenticeship standards; and what representations she has received from business stakeholders on these standards. 12844 RH

The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education works with thousands of employers to shape skills training. Each apprenticeship standard is designed with employer input. We take a risk-based approach to reviewing apprenticeships to ensure that they continue to meet employer needs and are compliant with our policy. In the April to December 2023 period, with support from employers and other stakeholders, we reviewed the 127 apprenticeships on the attached list, many receiving significant funding uplifts as a result. Each of these reviews involved convening an employer-led "Trailblazer group" and details of the membership of each Trailblazer can be found in the Apprenticeship Search section of our website.

We currently have more than 690 high quality apprenticeships available and, as well as all the traditional trades, they are now used to train tomorrow's economists, nurses, aerospace engineers, countryside rangers, brewers, laboratory scientists, and even archaeologists. Details of all the apprenticeships and technical qualifications we approve can be found in our occupational maps. Information on which apprenticeships are currently being revised can be found in our Revisions and Adjustments Status Report.

Yours sincerely,

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