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My Lords,

I am writing to you with a correction following my Statement on 5 November 2025 concerning Higher Education Reform.

In the debate that followed my statement, I said:

*On the impact of both the national insurance contributions and the changes to foundation degrees, we will publish an impact assessment alongside the statutory instrument that will bring about the increase in the fees, and we will spell out the analysis at that point.*

I intended to say foundation years, not foundation degrees.

Thank you again for taking the time to engage on these matters. I hope these further details have been useful and I will place a copy in the House libraries.

Yours sincerely,

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