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My Lords,

I am writing to provide a correction to the answer I gave during Oral Questions on Thursday 29th January, in relation to the International Student Levy.

In my response to the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, I incorrectly stated that the levy would take effect in 2027–28. The correct implementation period is 2028–29.

I would like to clarify that the government's plans remain unchanged, and the levy is expected to be introduced from 2028–29.

Thank you again for taking the time to engage on these matters. I hope this clarification is helpful, and I have placed a copy of this letter in the House Libraries.

Yours faithfully,

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