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Dear Mr Ross,

I wanted to thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide evidence to help with your inquiry into the financial stability of the higher education sector in Scotland.

In last week's session, I said I would confirm the cost to the University of remedial work related to RAAC which impacted just one corridor on our Paisley campus at the end of 2023. The total cost of that work was circa £125,000.

During the meeting we discussed migration policy changes, referencing the impact of the rules changes regarding dependents which came into force in January 2024. I mentioned during the meeting that the impact of this change was not felt evenly, with a disproportionate impact on women. Our enrolments in January 2024 at our Scottish campuses decreased by 77% (81% decrease at our London campus) compared to January 2023. The starkest example of the impact is seen in our intake of Master of Education, which typically has a high number of female students. In January 2023, we had 44 female students enrolled. In January 2024, it was zero.

If there is any further evidence that the Committee requires, then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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