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Dear Meg,

Information requested in the *HE Market* hearing on 12 March 2018

During the HE Market hearing on 12 March, Bim Afolami MP asked (Q 68 in the transcript) for information on the policy concerning loan forgiveness for teachers.

The Department is testing a new student loan reimbursement programme for languages and science teachers in 25 local authorities that are most in need. Around 800 modern foreign language and 1,700 science teachers a year will be eligible for this scheme, which aims to increase recruitment and retention in areas of greatest need.

The scheme is available for teachers of biology, chemistry, computer science, languages and physics if they teach in one of the following 25 local authorities: Barnsley; Blackpool; Bracknell Forest; Bradford; Cambridgeshire; Derby; Derbyshire; Doncaster; Halton; Knowsley; Luton; Middlesbrough; Norfolk; North East Lincolnshire; North Yorkshire; Northamptonshire; Northumberland; Oldham; Peterborough; Portsmouth; Salford; Sefton; St Helens; Stoke-on-Trent; Suffolk.

To qualify, teachers must have been awarded Qualified Teacher Status (QTS) between academic years 2013/14 and 2018/19, and be employed as a qualified teacher in a state-funded school in England. All eligible teachers will be able to apply for a reimbursement on their student loan payments made in the first 10 years of their careers. Eligible teachers will be reimbursed for the amount they have paid, via PAYE to Student Finance England. From September 2018 the Department will reimburse whatever a teacher has paid out. Examples of indicative reimbursements for Plan 2 loans are shown in the table below:

Salary	Reimbursement
£26,000	£90
£27,000	£180
£28,000	£270
£30,000	£450
£35,000	£900
£40,000	£1,350

Please let me know if there is any further information that you require.

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