



The Scottish Parliament  
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## **Education, Children and Young People Committee**

Damien Yeates  
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Dear Mr Yeates

### **Education, Children and Young People Committee - 14 May 2025**

During the Committee's evidence gathering on the Tertiary Education and Training (Funding and Governance) (Scotland) Bill at Stage 1 at its meeting on [14 May 2025](#), training providers and management agents stated that there is a disparity in funding available for colleges to deliver modern apprenticeships, compared to independent training providers.

While the Committee understands that SDS' contributions for MAs are the same, irrespective of the setting, it was suggested that colleges can access additional funds to support their delivery of MAs, with a figure of £2,800 to £5,000 quoted. Is this an issue that has been raised with SDS and, if so, does SDS recognise these figures?

During the session, the Committee also heard that the fee for some management agents is 40%. The Committee would be grateful if you could confirm whether this level of management fee is common across the management and delivery of MAs, including in colleges, and whether SDS considers this level of fee appropriate.

The Committee would welcome a response as soon as possible, and no later than **22 May 2025**.

Yours sincerely

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