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Dear Mr Todd

Consideration of petition PE1395

Petition by Jan Culik on targeted funding for lesser taught languages and cultures at universities

Thank you for your letter of 4 December seeking a response to the question raised by the Petitions Committee on 27 November.

The Committee has asked about how information is gathered on unmet demand for courses that are not being offered.

This is a matter for the universities rather than SFC. However, just as the universities have to adapt their portfolios in response to changes in demand for the courses that they offer, they will also have an eye to emerging demand for courses or subjects that are not on offer and will often take up those opportunities where they perceive that there is sufficient demand to create a viable programme of study. In these circumstances we would suggest that this question might also be addressed to the University of Glasgow.

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