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Dear Liz,

Thank you for getting in touch, and for sharing your concerns about the maintenance grant. Like you, I welcome [the Government's announcement](#) that they will be reintroducing the Maintenance Grant for lower income students, and I am very pleased that the Government is taking steps to get students from lower income backgrounds into education.

Sadly, at the present moment, I have no more information than you do about what constitutes 'high priority courses' or what metrics the Government plan to use to target the grant at low income students. However, I have written to the Department of Education to request clarity on this issue. I have passed on your concerns about the scheme as announced, and put your questions to the Department for Education in the hope that they should be able to shed more light on the scheme. I am hopeful that they should be able to provide more detailed answers to your queries.

I will get back to you as soon as I have a response. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch if I can be of any further assistance on this issue, or any other.

Yours sincerely,

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