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Eich cyf/Your ref P-05-1073  
Ein cyf/Our ref DET/03148/20

Janet Finch-Saunders MS  
Chair - Petitions Committee

25 November 2020

Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 6 November regarding Petition P-05-1073 for a national museum dedicated to Welsh involvement in colonialism.

Colonialism has undoubtedly influenced our development as a nation and is deeply embedded in many aspects of Welsh history. Colonialism and racism must be explored properly as an integral part of history already presented by the network of museums, local and national, across Wales. Our focus is currently on ensuring that they have the support they require to survive. Beyond that, we will work with them to ensure that they have the capacity and capability to reflect our heritage accurately. This requires a collective effort from all our cultural heritage bodies and cannot be achieved through one organisation in a centralised location.

I welcome the statement already made by Amgueddfa Cymru - National Museum Wales which commits to diversifying its collections and explore issues associated with decolonisation, inequality and racism.

Thank you for seeking my views on these issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Elis-Thomas'.

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