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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Scrutiny Session: Priorities for the Fifth Assembly

Thank you for attending the Committee's meeting on 14 September and for answering Members' questions. Can I first of all congratulate you on your appointment and offer you the Committee's best wishes in carrying out your new responsibilities.

As you will appreciate, the session was an initial opportunity for the Committee to familiarise itself with your responsibilities and to question you about your current priorities. The Committee is still formulating its own priorities for scrutiny and policy review. I know that once our work programme is clearer the Committee looks forward to the opportunity to question you in more detail on particular aspects of your responsibilities.

The Committee's officials have already been in contact with your officials to follow up some undertakings you gave at the meeting. Specifically, you agreed to provide more information on:

- Historic Wales – how it will work and what its remit will be;
- the new museum plan for Wales;
- the 'Fusion' and 'arts and creative learning' programmes;
- the 'Media Forum', including its forward work programme.



On the last of these points I have written separately to Alun Davies, from whom we took evidence later in the meeting, about the slight confusion that appears to have arisen around Ministerial responsibility for the Forum. I have asked Alun whether it would be possible to clarify the position and I have sent you a copy of my letter to him.

Members were grateful for your offer to provide background briefings on the Historic Environment (Wales) Act 2016 and its implementation. I would be grateful if you could let me have details of who Members should contact if they wish to take up this offer in the short term. It may also be that a briefing for the Committee as a whole would be helpful at some point when our work programme is clearer. If so, I will write to you again.

I look forward to your response. I am copying this letter for information to Alun Davies in relation to the Media Forum.

Yours sincerely



Bethan Jenkins AM

Chair

