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Dear Cabinet Secretary

Historic Wales

The Committee has received a range of correspondence expressing concern at the possible impact of creating Historic Wales on the National Museum.

As a result of these concerns the Committee took oral evidence from the Museum's Director General, Mr David Anderson, at our meeting on 12 October. The transcript of the session will be available on the Committee's webpages in due course.

The Committee is now considering whether and to what extent it should take further evidence on this issue. However, before doing so, the Committee agreed that it would be best to see your response to the letter sent to you on 30 September by the President of the Museum, Elisabeth Elias. The Committee agreed that your answers, to the 9 specific questions posed by Ms Elias, would put it in a more informed position to decide how or whether it wanted to do further work on this issue at this time. I would be grateful, therefore, if your reply to Ms Elias could be copied to me for the Committee's information.

In addition, to the questions from Ms Elias, the Committee is also interested in knowing what the position of CADW would be if a merger of its commercial functions with those of the National Museum went ahead. In particular, is the option of reconstituting CADW outside direct Government control, as a Welsh Government Sponsored Body, being considered?



I look forward to your response. I am copying this letter to Mr Anderson for information.

Yours sincerely

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