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Dear Mr Roberts

During Oral Assembly Questions on 11 June, you asked a supplementary question regarding the availability of Welsh legislation in public libraries.

You had previously raised the question of using the "information link" system to enable public libraries to disseminate information about legislation. As I said in my letter of 7 April 2014, this system does not include legislation but I stated that I would consider how the library network could be used when looking at how access to legislation could be improved.

In my response to you in the Chamber I indicated to you that our principal methods of improving access to legislation are improving the legislation.gov.uk website and developing an online explanatory narrative of devolved laws.

To the extent that you suggest paper copies of all Welsh legislation should be provided to all public libraries, I do not believe that the cost of such an initiative would be justifiable. All Welsh and UK legislation is already available online on legislation.gov.uk, which also includes free RSS feeds which inform the subscriber of all new legislation passed or made.

As all public libraries offer computer and internet services the legislation is available and I remain of the view that our focus on improving information provided online is appropriate. I have, however, asked officials to take steps to ensure that local librarians are aware of the services already provided and of new services as they are developed.

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