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Dear Delyth

Thank you for your follow up letter and the opportunity to respond to your specific query. While we feel that the settlement for Amgueddfa Cymru is reasonable over the next two years, the longer term outlook is more uncertain and certainly poses challenges. Therefore, we cannot provide you with the assurances that you seek. There are significant structural issues within Amgueddfa Cymru's buildings that means there is an ongoing risk to National Collections. These are noted on our Strategic Risk Register.

Extensive Condition Surveys (completed in 2022) highlight a maintenance backlog across our museums of at least £65m, with £15m of these items being deemed as critical that are in need of urgent repair. In addition to this, a further assessment of the Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) infrastructure at National Museum Cardiff has shown that significant investment is required in these areas. There are several options that need considering for this MEP, but the cheapest of these shows a further £25m is required over the next seven years. We hope that the investment required for National Museum Cardiff may, in time, be included in a 'Masterplan' bid that allows the whole of the site in Cathays to be re-imagined for use over the next 100 years.

So, in short, to provide assurance of the national collection, Amgueddfa Cymru requires an additional £90m of capital funding over the remainder of this decade. This would require careful planning to allow the museum to resource properly over a number of years and it is appreciated that this funding would likely come from a range of sources.

Yours sincerely



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