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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 7 March 2023 regarding Petition P-06-1303 - *Create, fund and sustain sufficient affordable nursery and childcare places for all working parents*. You asked on behalf of the Committee what assessment has been made of the most recent Childcare Sufficiency Assessments (CSAs), and what they reveal about the state of childcare provision in Wales.

An independent review to assess the 2022 CSAs has been commissioned and is currently taking place. The aim of the project is to review the 2022 CSAs as completed by all 22 Local Authorities and the data that informed them. This will include an assessment of coverage of the CSAs as well as identification of any gaps CSAs against the statutory guidance.

The review will provide feedback to the Welsh Government on how each individual local authority has met its statutory duties in respect of the 2022 CSAs. It will also include a summary of important thematic findings from the review of the CSAs, which will help inform our understanding about provision of childcare across different parts or Wales. We are looking to publish the summary later this Spring.

Yours sincerely,

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