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Llyr Gruffydd MS Chair Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

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Dear Llyr,

Thank you for your letter of 25 July regarding electrical vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.

The Welsh Government's investment of £26 million assisted the delivery of a large number of publicly available charging devices in Wales. The funding did not fund the installation of all 1,639 chargepoints installed as at April 2023.

The Welsh Government has corrected its response to the Committee's report [a copy of the corrected response is attached]. The introduction now reads "Since the Welsh Government published our EV Charging Strategy in 2021, we have invested over £26 million in charging infrastructure across Wales, which contributed to increasing the number of public devices by 120%. There were a total of 1,465 charge points as at 1 January 2023".

The press release has been in the public domain for over a month. We will ensure that any future communications will describe more clearly the total number of chargepoints funded by Welsh Government.

The Welsh Government will provide a breakdown of all chargepoints funded by Welsh Government up to April 2023 as soon as this information is available. The breakdown will include the total number of charging points, their respective locations, the charging speeds they offer, and a breakdown by local authority.

Yours sincerely

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