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General scrutiny of the National Library of Wales

Dear Ashok and Pedr

Thank you for appearing at the Committee's meeting on 23 November 2023, to give evidence to inform our general scrutiny of the National Library of Wales. We are grateful for the evidence provided during the session, and we are writing to request some additional information.

During the meeting, we discussed widening access and engagement. The Committee would like to understand better the copyright limitations placed on the broadcast archive and why more content cannot be made more available online. We would be grateful to receive more information about this and the purpose of the Library's Clip Centres.

We understand the need to review the current strategy for the Library and to reconsider what can be achieved in the light of the changing financial situation. You explained that there may be a need to bring a new strategy forward once the details of the Draft Budget 2024-25 is known. We also acknowledge and welcome your offer to discuss your vision for a National Art Gallery for Wales. We would be keen to hear from you again to discuss these matters in the Spring of 2024.

In view of the short reporting timeline for parliamentary scrutiny of the Welsh Government's Draft Budget 2024-25, we would be grateful if you could outline any further issues you think we should consider during that scrutiny by 3 January 2024.



We look forward to your response in due course.

Yours sincerely

Delyth Jewell MS Committee Chair

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.