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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1470  
Ein cyf/Our ref JH-/10227/24

Carolyn Thomas MS  
Chair - Petitions committee

13 December 2024

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter regarding petition P-06-1470, which calls for the scrapping of the Anti-racist Wales Action (ArWAP). I appreciate the opportunity to respond to the concerns raised and highlighting the essential role of the ArWAP in creating a more cohesive and welcoming Wales.

The petition claims that only 500 people responded to the consultation. In reality, the response was far more extensive, drawing on evidence and feedback from a wide range of stakeholders, including public and third sector organisations, community groups, and individuals who have directly experienced the impact of racism.

The petition suggests that ArWAP could negatively affect the wider community or lead to discrimination against the majority population. On the contrary, the plan aims to create a fairer and more inclusive Wales, where everyone, regardless of race or ethnicity, has equal opportunities. The reference to "moving beyond a colour-blind approach" highlights the importance of recognising that treating everyone the same can sometimes overlook the unique challenges faced by ethnic minority people. By tailoring services and policies to meet diverse needs, we aim to improve outcomes for all.

Addressing racial inequality strengthens our communities, making them more resilient and providing everyone with the chance to contribute and succeed. The ArWAP includes measures to combat all forms of racism, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia, ensuring that no community is left behind and that every person in Wales can live in a society free from prejudice.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The ArWAP is a necessary, evidence-based plan designed to address systemic inequality and create a fairer Wales for all. The misconceptions in the petition do not reflect the true vision, purpose and values of ArWAP. The Welsh Government remains committed to promoting equality and fairness for all people in Wales and will continue to engage with communities to ensure the plan reflects their experiences and needs.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke above the first letter 'J'.

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