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Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyfiawnder Cymdeithasol, y
Trefnydd a'r Prif Chwip
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip



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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1387
Ein cyf/Our ref JH-/10436/24

Carolyn Thomas MS
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29 November 2024

Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 22 November, in which you referenced petition P-06-1387 in relation to providing humanitarian aid to Gaza.

The Disasters Emergency Committee Cymru (DEC Cymru) launched the DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal on Thursday 17 October. On the day of the launch, the Welsh Government was pleased to make a £100,000 donation to the appeal which will provide humanitarian support to people in Gaza, Lebanon and the wider region who are right now in urgent need of food, shelter and medical care. To date, more than £1.7 million has been donated by the people of Wales to this appeal.

The Welsh Government remains deeply concerned about the ongoing conflict and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza. Too many innocent lives are being lost while this war continues. Whilst foreign policy is not devolved, the Welsh Government has repeatedly called for humanitarian pauses, as well as supporting calls for a ceasefire. The Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice reiterated these views on 01 May 2024 and the Welsh Government continues to focus on supporting the wellbeing of our Jewish and Muslim communities.

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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.

In the longer term, officials are building links with healthcare workers and Welsh groups which have been active in the field of humanitarian and medical aid in the region with a view to bringing forward proposals for a coordinated Welsh response in the event of a permanent ceasefire.

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 of "Jane".

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