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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1524
Ein cyf/Our ref MDFWL/00236/25

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair – Petitions committee
Senedd Cymru
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Dear Carolyn,

Thank you for your letter of 28 March, asking for my opinion on the matters raised in the petition calling on us to *“Erect a statue of Rachel Williams to commemorate her impact on Welsh language education in the Vale of Glamorgan”*.

Recognising individuals for work they have undertaken in their local communities is important. As the Cabinet Secretary responsible for the Welsh language, I support everyone who promotes the Welsh language in their community and the positive impact their work has on the language locally.

However, the Welsh Government does not normally commission statues and does not have a specific budget to do so. Usually, erecting commemorative statues is initiated by local authorities, sometimes in partnership with non-profit organisations or community groups.

I suggest that you advise the petitioner to contact the local authority to start exploring the idea. The petitioner may also find it useful to consult the Welsh Government’s guidance: [Public Commemoration in Wales: Guidance for Public Bodies.](#)

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

Additionally, the committee may want to draw the petitioner's attention to the work of two independent voluntary organisations dedicated to recognising the contribution of women to the history and life of Wales: [Monumental Welsh Women](#) and [Purple Plaques](#). Both organisations aim to highlight and honour notable women across Wales and may be able to advise accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

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