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Welsh Government

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Annual scrutiny follow-up

Dear Jack,

I am writing with some questions further to your recent appearance before the Committee on 17 September 2025.

Maintenance backlog

You offered to provide further information about the total capital maintenance backlog for organisations which are supported through the Welsh Government's Priorities for Culture. The Committee would therefore be grateful to receive:

- The most up-to-date figures for the total capital maintenance backlog across Amgueddfa Cymru, the National Library of Wales, and other bodies supported through the Priorities for Culture.
- Details of the Welsh Government's plan for addressing this backlog, including how progress will be monitored and reported on.

Priorities for Culture monitoring and evaluation

In response to the Welsh Government's consultation on its draft Priorities for Culture in 2024, the Committee expressed concern about the lack of accompanying detail and clarity around how the priorities will be delivered. We are disappointed that no further detail was provided in the final version. We would be keen to see an accompanying implementation plan, explaining the interaction with the creative industries, as well as how the Welsh Government intends to demonstrate outputs, outcomes, and impacts. The Committee would welcome:

- Clarity on how the Welsh Government intends to implement and monitor delivery of the Priorities for Culture.

Marmot Nation

The Committee members are keen to understand how the Welsh Government intends to increase the public health value of sport, and how this aligns with the decision to become a “Marmot nation” to tackle health inequalities.

Broadcasting

During the meeting, you outlined ongoing work which is being undertaken to pursue a strengthened framework for broadcasting, and a greater voice for Wales within the sector. In light of the Committee’s ongoing interest in this area, I would be grateful if you could provide:

- An update on the progress made to date in strengthening the broadcasting framework for Wales, including any outcomes from your discussions with UK Government counterparts.
- Details of your engagement with the BBC Charter Review process, including the Welsh Government’s response to the draft terms of reference.
- Any emerging views or priorities about regulatory changes, particularly in relation to the five devolution pathways identified by the expert panel.
- An indication of when you expect to be in a position to share further details or recommendations with the Committee.

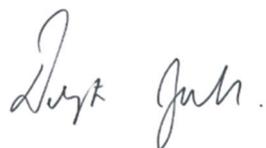
Community radio

We also discussed the support available for community radio across Wales. We would be grateful to receive the following:

- A summary of the support provided to community radio in recent years, including any current or planned initiatives.
- Details of engagement between your office and other Welsh Government departments, particularly in relation to the inclusion of community radio in public health advertising campaigns.
- Any plans you might have to ensure more consistent and strategic cross-governmental support for community radio in the future.

Thank you for your continued engagement with the Committee on these important matters.

Yours sincerely,



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Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

