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Delyth Jewell MS
Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations
Committee

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Dear Delyth

Following my appearance before the Committee on 19 November, I am providing the additional information requested by the Committee. Please see the attached document.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JACK SARGEANT". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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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 Minister agreed to provide a figure for capital and revenue investment from other portfolios where they have invested in programmes or activities that have contributed to the culture and arts sector

We can identify investment in culture of almost £230m from across Government.

This figure was calculated in July 2025, consisting of £152.1m revenue and £75.4m capital. It includes investment from my own portfolio, but also from areas as varied as Welsh language, education, local government, health, and the Welsh Government Energy Service.

Specific examples include:

- Support for Amgueddfa Cymru from the Welsh Government Energy Service's Public Sector Low Carbon Heat Grant;
- Support from the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns for cultural buildings and through other grants from the Local Government portfolio;
- Support from the Welsh Language division's wider budget allocation for a myriad of organisations delivering cultural activity in Wales;
- Support from Education, which includes funding for the National Music Service, the Creative Learning Cymru programme, and grants to the Books Council of Wales to support reading for pleasure.

It is difficult to disaggregate some data - for example, local authority funding for cultural services, and funding to support heritage activities in National Parks, all of which is additional to the above. There have also been other announcements of funding since the data was collated which were not included in our calculations, for example the £1m St David's Day Fund, representing investment in culture from the Tourism and Marketing budget line.

The Minister agreed to come back to the committee with the timeline for completing the work to identify wider capital requirements across all of the sectors that are covered by the priorities for culture.

A Welsh Government tender for the Review of Cultural Infrastructure research contract will be published on Sell2Wales in early December. We anticipate contract award in January 2026 and an interim report in the summer of 2026.

Ambition 1 and Ambition 16 of the Priorities for Culture provide the focus for this contract (accessibility, sustainable development, building resilience, and tackling the climate and nature emergencies). In addition, the research will provide evidence against recommendation two of *The Welsh Culture sector and the climate and nature emergencies* report which was published in May 2025.

The Arts Council of Wales is also currently reviewing the capital needs of the arts sector specifically.