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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter dated 7 May 2013 regarding the recent petition your Committee has received from Barbara Snowball.

I remain committed to the provision of attractive, affordable and sustainable public transport services to rural communities across Wales. In 2013-14 I have set aside a budget of £25m under the Regional Transport Services Grant to help local authority's local bus services and community transport.

I have also asked the Regional Transport Consortia to prepare new Regional Bus Strategies, which will prioritise more clearly how this funding is used. As part of this work I have asked them to ensure that good access is maintained to key education, training, employment, health and shopping facilities.

I have asked Officials to ensure that Taith and TraCC, the regional bodies with responsibility for co-ordinating bus funding in the south Meirionnydd area, are working closely with Gwynedd Council to ensure that key bus service links are improved.

