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Dear William,

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Thank you for your letter dated 26 June regarding a petition received from David Fitzpatrick, which opposes the compulsory requirement for pupils in English-medium secondary schools to study Welsh to GCSE level.

The Welsh Government is currently undertaking a review of assessment and the National Curriculum in Wales. A further independent group is reviewing the teaching of Welsh second language, and in particular, has been asked to consider what changes should be made to the teaching and assessment of Welsh second language at key stages 3 and 4. This review is due to conclude in September 2013, and I expect to publish the report and recommendations in the autumn. The review of Welsh second language will contribute to the wider review of assessment and the National Curriculum.

Mr Fitzpatrick has previously been in contact with my department and was made aware of the ongoing review into the teaching of Welsh second language in a letter dated 2 October 2012 and a subsequent e-mail dated 5 October. The review group will be made aware of the petition and I will ask them to consider the matter as they prepare their recommendations.

Best Regards
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