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Dear William,

I am writing in response to your letter of 30 September to the Minister for Public Services regarding a petition from Gerwyn James calling on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to review the proposal to close Porth Fire Station. I am responding in light of the Minister's constituency interests.

I am aware of the Review of Fire Cover South Wales Fire and Rescue Authority has undertaken across its whole area.

Fire and Rescue Authorities are autonomous, independent bodies. It is for them to maintain an appropriate level of services in their areas, based on the professional advice of Chief Fire Officers. The Welsh Government has no power to challenge or overturn such decisions, so there is no scope for us to become involved here.

Yours sincerely

CARWYN JONES