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Dear Bill,

Thank you for your letter of 15 October about a petition your Committee has received from Elizabeth Haynes and Catherine Board. This calls on the Welsh Government to amend legislation to provide a more consistent approach to be adopted across Local Authorities' cemeteries in respect of the personalisation of graves, particularly the graves of babies and young children.

I am sympathetic in principle to this request, however, it is not clear from the correspondence received exactly what the petitioners require. Therefore, while I do have some powers to regulate Local Authority burial grounds, it is not completely clear whether this falls within them.

I have therefore asked my officials to explore this matter further and I will then consider whether there is a case for a change.

Your sincerely
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