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## Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 30 September regarding the Cardi Bach coastal bus service petition.

At plenary on 17 September, I agreed to update Members once Ceredigion County Council makes the necessary contractual arrangements for alternative services to the current Cardi Bach bus service. My officials are in touch with Council officers about this, and I will provide an update when I have that information.

I appreciate the importance of providing good public transport links to support sustainable tourism along the Cambrian coast. I have made funding available to Ceredigion County Council to improve the key TrawsCymru T5 / X50 bus service which will link Aberystwyth to Cardigan via New Quay, and an improved service on this route will start early in the New Year. I have also recently approved funding to provide additional rail services to Fishguard which started over the summer as well as an enhanced service on the Cambrian Line which will start next year.

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