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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter received on 12 January with further comments from Mr Aled Davies, Petitioner to the Committee regarding the Regional SEN Transition into Employment Initiative (Real Opportunities project), which was supported through EU funds 2007-2013.

I am pleased that Mr Davies is engaged with Caerphilly Council on their proposal for a successor EU funds project. My officials in the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) assure me that they are continuing to work with Caerphilly Council to progress their application for EU funds and are expecting a first draft of their Business Plan by the end of this month.

While I appreciate the excellent work carried out by The Mix, as Minister I have no role in the approval or selection of EU funding project proposals. Subsequently, a meeting with Mr Davies, should he wish to pursue an EU funds application or seek alternative funds outside of the successor to Real Opportunities, would not be appropriate at this time. Should the Mix wish to explore EU funds opportunities independently of the Real Opportunities project, then I would continue to suggest that Mr Davies contact WEFO directly for advice.

*Best wishes,
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