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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1414 Ein cyf/Our ref DB/00280/24

Jack Sargeant MS Chair - Petitions committee Senedd Cymru

23 April 2024

Dear Jack,

Petition P-06-1414 Prepare a bid for Wales to compete in the Eurovision Song Contest

Thank you for your letter of 18 March regarding the above petition which calls for Wales to have the opportunity to be represented at Eurovision as a nation in its own right.

Entries to the Eurovision Song Contest are populated by the main member public service broadcaster of each country. For the UK this is the BBC. The BBC would therefore need to withdraw from being the UK's Eurovision broadcaster before Wales could be allowed to compete in its own right. Eurovision is a non-political music event and a competition between public service broadcasters who are members of the EBU. It is not a contest between governments and a devolved government does not mean separate participation.

We do, or course, want to see that Wales cultural contribution and musical talents continue to play a role within the broader UK representation in the contest.

Yours sincerely,

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