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Dear Delyth,

Thank you for your request of 19 September as Chair of the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee regarding an update on stakeholder meetings to discuss the funding situation at the Welsh National Opera (WNO).

On 26 September I held a series of meetings with the Arts Council of Wales (ACW), the Musicians' Union and Equity, and WNO, to understand the nature of the situation facing the WNO. During these meetings I emphasised the Welsh Government wants to see WNO thrive and flourish as one of our major arts organisations. In my meeting with WNO I urged them to apply for the recently announced Resilience Fund being administered by the Arts Council of Wales (ACW) to protect jobs in the arts sector. The deadline for applications was at the end of September and I understand the WNO has applied seeking additional support.

My private office is currently in the process of confirming the details for the key stakeholder meeting - involving UK Government Ministers, Welsh Government Ministers and senior officials at ACW and Arts Council England – which will take place later this month. I will be happy to provide you with a further update following these discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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