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Dear Mike

Thank you for your email of 4 August informing me of a petition received from Jasdeep Dhariwal calling for the Welsh Government to bring back January exams for AS/A level students.

I note the points raised by the petition. The Welsh Ministers' functions relating to the regulation of qualifications were repealed in September 2015 with the establishment of Qualifications Wales as the independent regulator. Assessment arrangements, such as the January examinations for AS and A levels, are a matter for Qualifications Wales. I suggest that Mr Dhariwal contact Qualifications Wales with this issue.

I trust that you will find this information useful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirsty Williams".

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