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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alun Davies'.

Thank you for your letter following the submission of a petition from Nicola Hester seeking the appointment of a Welsh Veterans' Commissioner for the health and wellbeing of wounded, injured, sick and homeless Veterans.

I understand the Armed Forces Expert Group has previously debated the added value of appointing a Veterans' Commissioner in Wales, and considered the role of the Scottish Veterans' Commissioner as an example.

During my response to the Conservative debate in Plenary on 22 November, I stated I would not dismiss the appointment of a Commissioner, and I will discuss this matter with members of the Armed Forces Expert Group and the Cross Party Group on the Armed Forces and Cadets in February.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I will also consider lessons learnt, and added value from the appointment of the Scottish Veterans' Commissioner, and best practice from across the country and beyond, prior to making a considered response.

*Yours ever  
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