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Dear Dai,

Members of your Committee will be aware of the Welsh Government's current consultation on "*Healthy Weight: Healthy Wales*" (<https://beta.gov.wales/healthy-weight-healthy-wales>), which closes on 12 April. This is part of our commitment through the Public Health Wales Act to develop a strategy to reduce and prevent obesity. During my oral statement on 29 January, I was pleased to receive cross-party support for this important consultation and I would welcome a response and further engagement from the Committee on this matter.

My officials are currently undertaking a number of regional events, community engagement activities and focus groups across Wales to encourage participation in the consultation and to hear from a range of people. This includes targeted engagement with children and young people. My plans are to then launch a summary of findings early summer and to publish a final strategy in October 2019.

You will be aware that the Children, Young People and Education Committee has decided to consider the consultation from a children and young people's perspective. I understand that members of the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee have been invited to participate in that work. The consultation also aligns with your inquiry into physical activity amongst children and young people, which was undertaken last year, and I look forward to seeing your final report on this matter.

I look forward to hearing from the Committee in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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