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Dear Janet Finch-Saunders AM,

Thank you for your correspondence of the 2nd December further to my response to your letter of 29 October regarding the music education feasibility study.

As I have said in my previous correspondence on this matter, following the recommendations of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee, my officials worked with key stakeholders to consider the proposed feasibility study and the remit of the study. Following this work, I decided to proceed with commissioning an independent contractor to carry out a feasibility study to consider the future delivery of music services in Wales.

The contract was advertised on Sell 2 Wales. The procurement process takes some time but ensures a suitable supplier was secured in a fair, open and transparent process. The contract was awarded on 08 April and work began immediately.

The contractor worked with a variety of stakeholders across Wales to gather evidence and feedback. I am sure you appreciate such engagement takes time.

On conclusion of the study, an extension was provided to allow the contractor to consider the evidence collated and fully assess options for music education services.

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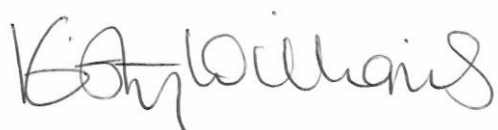
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am aware that the final report is expected in the coming days and I look forward to reading the findings. I will then be in a position to provide further information and to consider the future delivery of music education in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kirsty Williams'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

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