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Bethan Jenkins AC
Cadeirydd
Y Pwyllgor Diwylliant, y Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu

08 Tachwedd 2016

Annwyl Bethan

Diolch am eich llythyr dyddiedig 19 Hydref ynglŷn â Cymru Hanesyddol.

Nid wyf wedi gwneud penderfynid ynghylch cyfansoddiad Cymru Hanesyddol. Mae'r adroddiad gan PwC, *'Investing in the Future to Protect the Past'* yn amlinellu'r pedwar prif opsiwn rydym yn eu hystyried. Fel rhan o'r opsiynau hyn mae'r posibilrwydd o wneud Cadw yn Gorff a Noddir gan Lywodraeth Cymru neu'n Asiantaeth Weithredol.

Yn unol â'ch cais, atodaf gopi o'r llythyr yr anfonais at Lywydd Amgueddfa Cymru, Elisabeth Elias.

Yn gywir

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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.



Ein cyf/Our ref KS/06718/16

Elisabeth Elias
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Amgueddfa Cymru

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24 October 2016

Dear Elisabeth,

Thank you for your letter of 30 September.

Our manifesto set out the commitment to create 'Historic Wales', bringing together many of the commercial functions of the Welsh Government's Historic Environment Service, Cadw, and Amgueddfa Cymru. I did not, therefore, specifically mention the Royal Commission and National Library in my announcement. Publishing the PwC report and establishing the steering group are the first steps in realising this vision.

I have not made any decisions on the constitution, scope or function of Historic Wales. Yet, as I recently stated in the Senedd, I do not believe that the status quo is an option. Change is necessary if our national institutions are to have a prosperous and sustainable future.

Amgueddfa Cymru was part of the task and finish group that considered the PwC report and is a member of the current steering group. It will have every opportunity to contribute to the advice that I have requested. I shall leave the Chair to decide on the best way for the steering group to take this work forward.

With regard to your questions on the governance, structure and legal status of Historic Wales, I do not wish to pre-empt the advice of the steering group, which, I am sure, will thoroughly consider these matters.

This will be a complex and challenging undertaking. I am convinced, however, that it is essential if we are to continue to act as effective custodians of our outstanding heritage and provide an outstanding visitor experience.

I look forward to working constructively with Amgueddfa Cymru to achieve those aims.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken', written in a cursive style.

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