

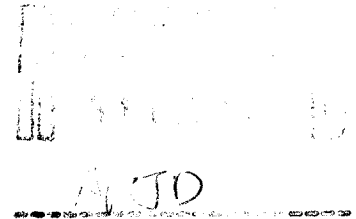
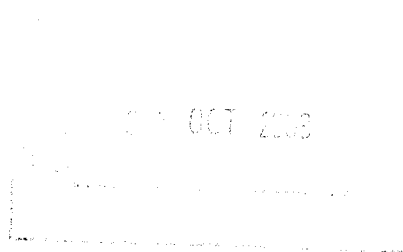
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Dear Val Lloyd,

Thank you for your letter of 8 October 2008 in respect of funding arrangements operated by the Arts Council of Wales.

As you will be aware, Welsh Assembly Government funding for the arts in Wales is channelled through the Arts Council of Wales (ACW), working within the strategic framework set by the Welsh Assembly Government.

I am aware of the problems that can arise within arts organisations as a result of uncertainties over funding, and that the length of funding agreements is of particular concern to some arts organisations. In recognition of this and the wider needs of the sector, the Welsh Assembly Government in the ACW's Remit Letter for 2008/09 specifically tasks the ACW, working with my officials, to examine future funding models for the arts in Wales.

As well as looking at the levels and regularity of funding for arts organisations, this also involves examining alternative funding models to ensure a vibrant arts sector, which is not dependent on historic funding agreements. This work is currently underway and the ACW are due to provide me with their initial proposals at the end of 2008.

Yours sincerely,

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