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Dear Ms Stock,

I refer to William Power's letter to Edward Davey dated 17 July, regarding the Petition Committee of National Assembly for Wales' consideration of a petition relating to a request for additional funding support for Powys County Council, in respect of the Mid Wales public inquiry into five wind farm applications and a related overhead line application. I am replying as this matter falls within my portfolio, and I apologise for the lengthy delay in doing so.

You will appreciate that the costs incurred by Powys County Council in defending their objections to the applications is a matter for them. The Secretary of State is, however, recovering the costs of the venue, Inspector and administrative support from the applicants. More generally, funding for local authorities in Wales, including for matters relating to planning, is a matter for the Welsh Government. The details of how this funding is allocated to Local Authorities in Wales for the current financial year are outlined in the Green Book 2013/14 available from on the Welsh Government's web-site:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/localgovernment/finandfunding/settlement/lqsettlement1314/?lang=en>.

Yours sincerely,