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Chair  
Petitions Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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Your ref:  
Our ref: PO1183/RB/GH

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Dear William

**Petition P-04-656: Establishing a Conscientious Objectors day in Wales**

Thank you very much for your letter dated 29 February 2016.

The National Assembly for Wales does not currently mark Conscientious Objectors Day and there currently are not any plans to do so in the future. Any decision for the National Assembly for Wales Commission to mark Conscientious Objectors Day would need to be taken by the new Commission following the election on 5 May.

Given the close proximity of Conscientious Objectors Day 2016 (15 May) to the National Assembly elections, it seems unlikely that there will be sufficient time to organise an event to mark the occasion this year. However, I would encourage the petitioner to arrange an event of their own on the Assembly's estate to mark the occasion, if they are able to secure Assembly Member sponsorship at such short notice.

Best wishes,



**Dame Rosemary Butler AM  
Presiding Officer**

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