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Dear William

Petition: Anti-hate-crime campaign in Wales
Petition: A call to review the issues set out in the 2007 report on football in Wales
Petitions: Save Gwent Theatre; Spectacle Theatre; Save Theatr Powys & Mid Powys Youth Theatre
P-04-317 Hijinx Funding for the Arts

Thank you for your letter of 12 January, in which you notified me of your Committee's consideration of a number of petitions.

Petition: Anti-hate-crime campaign in Wales

You will be aware that the Committee has recently conducted an inquiry on disability-related harassment. The Committee's report was published at the end of 2011 and we have given a commitment in that report to keep the issue under review during this Assembly.

Petition: A call to review the issues set out in the 2007 report on football in Wales

The Committee has recently agreed to undertake an inquiry into football in Wales. It is intended that the inquiry will take place next term. While the purpose of the inquiry is not to directly follow up on the issues raised in the 2007 Assembly report, I am sure that the Committee will address any relevant issues raised with us by consultees.

**Petitions: Save Gwent Theatre; Spectacle Theatre; Save Theatr Powys & Mid Powys Youth Theatre
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The Committee has agreed to establish a Task and Finish Group to consider the issue of participation in the arts. While the terms of reference for the Group's inquiry does not directly relate to the petitions above, we hope that the organisations named above will be able to participate in our inquiry and raise any concerns they may have in relation to the effects of funding cuts on participation in the arts in Wales.

I have asked the Clerk of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee to ensure that the lead petitioners are included in the relevant consultation process for the inquiries mentioned above.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ann Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ann Jones AC / AM
Cadeirydd / Chair