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Dear

Thank you for your letter regarding a petition to build an International Mother Languages Monument at Cardiff Bay. I recall similar correspondence from Mohammed Sarul Islam last year and I am aware of the petition to build an International Mother Languages Monument in Cardiff Bay. We are, however, in a similar position to last year where there are currently no funding streams available which could accommodate this request. It is also unclear from the petition whether there is wider community support for the monument.

I know the Leader of the House and Chief Whip recently attended a Gala Dinner, hosted by the International Language Monument Project Committee. In his letter Mr Islam refers to a financial commitment from Welsh Labour to support the monument. Ms Hutt's Private office has confirmed that, while she indicated at the event that she was supportive of the initiative in principle, she did not commit to any financial support for it from the Welsh Government.

The Welsh Government is continuing to deliver against our Community Cohesion Programme, including through the work of eight Regional Community Cohesion Co-ordinators who are active and engaged at a local level with partners across communities. We recognise the importance of diversity and working with partners to increase engagement and break down any perceived barriers. Our approach is underpinned by the goals set out in the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act around a Wales of cohesive communities and a Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language.

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