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Eich cyf/Your ref P-04-576 and P-04-606

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Dear David

**P-04-576 Allow Children in Wales to Have a Family Holiday During Term Time / P-04-606 Ensure schools exercise their statutory powers under regulation 7 of The Education (Pupil Registration) (Wales) Regulations 2010**

Thank you for your email of 23 February requesting an update on recent developments relating the above petitions.

The final report of the independent evaluation of fixed penalty notices for regular non-attendance at school was finalised by ICF Consultancy Ltd in February 2018. In accordance with social research project protocols, the report will be published within 12 weeks from this point. I will ensure that the Committee is provided with an update once the report has been published.

The findings of the report will be considered alongside the other evidence my officials have gathered as part of the wider review of attendance policy which is currently underway.

Yours sincerely

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