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Dear Darren

Wales Audit Office value for money examination: AWEMA

Thank you for your letter of 26 June 2012 acknowledging receipt of my letter of 19 June about our examination of the Welsh Government's relationship with the All Wales Ethnic Minority Association (AWEMA). My letter of 19 June provided an update on the progress of our work, set out my revised expectation as regards the timetable for completion of our work, and re-confirmed the scope of our work following some inaccurate media coverage.

Your letter of 26 June requested further confirmation that the scope of our work includes:

- details of the Welsh Government's investment in AWEMA and whether it represented value for money;
- how the grants provided to AWEMA were monitored; and
- whether action undertaken by the Welsh Government in response to concerns raised about the charity has been sufficient.

I do expect that our final report will include details of the Welsh Government's funding of AWEMA (the sums involved and their purpose) and evidence in relation to the adequacy of the arrangements that the Welsh Government (including the Welsh European Funding Office) had put in place to monitor its grant funding.

We have been considering the available evidence in terms of whether the Welsh Government was satisfied, and can demonstrate, that it was getting value for money from its funding of AWEMA but we are not undertaking our own evaluation of AWEMA's work.

Our report will also consider the Welsh Government's response to specific concerns raised about AWEMA at different points in time, including the concerns that emerged in late 2011.

Yours sincerely

Anthony Barrett
Assistant Auditor General