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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your letter of 14 June on behalf of the Petitions Committee regarding petition P-05-817 - Specialist Prosthetics for Child Amputees.

The Chief Therapies Advisor has written to the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) to request a detailed costed business plan to commission a service across Wales to provide specialist sports prostheses (running blades) for children. This is due to be sent to the Welsh Government by mid July.

Once received, the business plan will be considered and presented to me for final sign off with an announcement to be made in due course. We will consider if we are able to share a copy of the business plan once the plan has been reviewed.

The Welsh Government has previously allocated funds to 3D printing projects through the Health Technology and Telehealth Fund. The initial project was for printing of facial implants but I believe there is scope to use the technology for prosthetics also.

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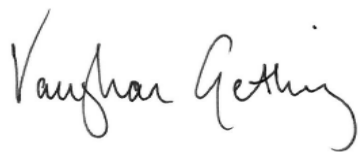
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am aware of other projects that NHS Wales and industries partners have been working on to introduce advanced digital technologies in implants and prosthetics. Although there is more to be done in the field of limb prostheses, there are exciting prospects in this field and more opportunities that are being explored.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'V' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

**Vaughan Gething AC/AM**

Y Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol  
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