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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 10 June, regarding a citizens' assembly.

The coronavirus pandemic is a public health crisis, which has taken hold in just a matter of weeks. Whilst the climate emergency has taken hold over a much longer period, its impact on public health and our economy is no less significant. Tackling the climate emergency will also require serious and sustained action and collaboration both here in Wales and at a global level.

My intention is to bring an Oral Statement to the Senedd to outline how our planning for recovery aligns with our net zero ambitions and how we might go further and faster in realising them.

We will engage with Members of the Senedd, civil society organisations and the public to explore how Wales can deliver a recovery based on the principles of social and environmental justice.

The First Minister has asked the Counsel General to lead on the recovery coordination work inside the Welsh Government and to draw in expertise and experience from outside.

We are looking for progressive, innovative solutions which aren't just short term fixes to the current crisis, but which respond to wider challenges such as tackling climate change.

We already take a number of different types of engagement approaches in involving and collaborating with stakeholders. Here in Wales, we have very unique models of social partnership and we must protect the contribution that our social partners and Commissioners make in helping to inform and shape policy.

We are open to discussions about new approaches, such as the use of citizens' assemblies, although we need to ensure we involve as wide a range of stakeholder as possible.

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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.

We will continue to seek views from social partners and more widely. This will be an important element in developing our thoughts on what we need to do to help accelerate the right recovery. We are inviting ideas to be submitted to futurewales@gov.wales.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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