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Dear Alun

Support for the Commonwealth Games 2026 Wales bid

You will be aware that the Welsh Government is working on a study to assess the feasibility of hosting the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Wales. The opportunities and challenges associated with hosting the Games are significant, in particular the financial implications of such a commitment. To that end we have commissioned further work on a business model to assess the figures. The overall costs of hosting the Games, including the delivery of the Games themselves, infrastructure and facility investment and legacy delivery are currently estimated to be in the range £1.32 to £1.54 billion between 2019 and 2027.

In that context I noted the debate in the House of Commons on 16th March 2016 and the support of the Wales Office for a Welsh bid for 2026. I understand my officials have recently briefed yours on progress on our consideration of a bid and, at this stage it would be useful to understand the extent of any possible UK Government support for a Welsh bid, especially in respect of the financial challenges associated with a bid. I should be glad of your thoughts and perhaps we could discuss this at our next meeting.

Yours sincerely

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