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Dear Rhys,

Thank you for your Written Question 90213 regarding ensuring fibre connectivity is fairly distributed across Wales, following the end of the recent broadband delivery scheme.

Responsibility for addressing broadband connectivity issues in Wales rests with the UK Government, but we continue to step in where the market and UK Government have failed to act.

Our <u>Digital strategy for Wales</u> outlines how we will continue to use the levers at our disposal to support businesses, homes and the public sector in Wales to receive the broadband connectivity they need.

A review undertaken by officials has identified a further 84,000 premises that still cannot access superfast download speeds (at least 30Mbps), and that are not in any plans to be addressed.

My officials have been consulting the telecommunications market on our plans to design and implement additional interventions that target such premises and further extend the reach of high-speed broadband connectivity. The business case for this work includes premises across the length and breadth of Wales. I will provide Members with a separate update on that work in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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