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Dear Jack

Thank you for your recent written questions on full fibre roll-out and support for 5G in north Wales. I undertook to write to you with a substantive response.

Telecommunications policy is not devolved but we continue to step in to provide connectivity to homes and businesses across Wales.

Our full fibre roll-out in north Wales is ongoing, under our £56 million full fibre roll-out we have already provided access to full fibre broadband to 8,869 premises in the six north Wales counties by the end of September 2021. Figures to the end of December 2021 will be available shortly. North Wales contains premises in both Lot 1 and Lot 2 of the intervention area, we aim to provide connectivity to a further 8,568 premises across these Lots by the end of the project. Future figures are not available by local authority so we are unable to provide a figure specifically for the six north Wales counties.

We are also undertaking an Open Market Review process, including in north Wales, which will inform potential future publicly funded interventions to deploy gigabit capable broadband infrastructure.

On supporting 5G development in north Wales, we are actively involved in the development of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board Connected Campuses and Connected Corridor projects both of which will improve 5G coverage in the region. We are also considering a proposal for funding from the Digital Signal Processing Centre at Bangor University to develop an innovative 5G research and deployment project.

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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.

Our 5G Wales Unlocked project is considering plans for a Wales wide virtual event themed on 5G, aiming to bring together stakeholders and to raise awareness of opportunities. More broadly our barrier busting taskforce is exploring barriers to the deployment of digital infrastructure in Wales including 5G infrastructure.

Yours sincerely

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