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Dear Hefin

During Business Questions on 1<sup>st</sup> December you raised concerns about the recommendations contained within the Final Report of the Local Democracy and Boundary Commission which proposes changes to the County Borough of Caerphilly electoral arrangements. In her response to your question the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd agreed to bring your concerns to my attention and to provide you with further information about the timescale for making decisions about these proposals.

We met on 25 November to enable you to raise your constituents concerns with me directly. In addition on 17 December I issued a written statement setting out the position relating to the current Programme of Electoral Arrangements Reviews for Principal Councils. I attach a link to the statement for ease of reference.

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-programme-electoral-arrangements-reviews-principal-councils-current-position>

The statement makes reference to a small number of reviews which have attracted a significant amount of representations. These include the final recommendations for the future electoral arrangements in the County Borough of Caerphilly. The statement confirms during the coming months I will be considering carefully the points raised during the representation period which will inform future decisions.

Yours sincerely

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