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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 14 December 2012 regarding the setting up of a task and finish group to look at ecclesiastical exemption.

I have asked my officials to set up such a group and all the denominations that are party to the exemption have been invited to a first meeting in January. The terms of reference for the group will be to consider any existing issues with the operation of the system such as where exemption does not apply (known as dual control); revisit recommendations made in the Howell report (a review of the system of ecclesiastical exemption in Wales); and to identify and examine issues related to the decline in listed places of worship in active use to help inform future Cadw policy and guidance on redundant listed places of worship.

I am happy to keep you informed as the discussions progress.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Huw Lewis'.

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