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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 14 July regarding the further correspondence from Mrs A Bagshaw concerning the petition received for school libraries to be made statutory.

I reiterate my statement that there are no plans to make school libraries statutory. As I explained in my correspondence dated 28 November 2010 (ref: LA/03039/10), the investment required to ensure that all school libraries would be sufficiently resourced to be effective is beyond the current budget allocation.

There are currently no plans to draw up a new position paper on school libraries or a set of School Library Standards. However, as I also expressed in the previous correspondence, the work being progressed by my department and CyMAL: Museums, Archives and Libraries division, is expected to establish a baseline of the current provision of school libraries in Wales.

Yours sincerely

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