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*Dear William*

Thank you for your letter dated 4 December 2015.

The Assembly does not currently mark Conscientious Objectors Day in May and there are no plans to do so in the future. If an Assembly Member chooses to sponsor an event on the estate to mark the day this would, of course, be considered along with all event requests we receive from Members.

Although the Assembly doesn't officially mark Conscientious Objectors Day, the organisation is committed to appropriately commemorating all elements of the great wars, evidenced by the range of stories and issues we intend to highlight as part of our four year commemorative programme. Paying tribute to and learning and understanding more about conscientious objectors has played a part in this programme. You may be interested to know that it was a matter of particular keen interest for attendees of our annual commemorative youth conference delivered in partnership with the Welsh Centre for International Affairs hosted this year in Coleg Cambria in Wrexham.

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You may also be interested to know that this year's Centenary Annual Lecture was delivered by Sir Deian Hopkin, Chair of the Wales Remembers Committee, whose subject matter was Keir Hardie, perhaps the First World War's most famous conscientious objector.

If you would like any more information on our commemorative programme, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Dr Non Gwilym, the Head of Assembly Communications.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosemary". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dame Rosemary Butler AM**  
**Presiding Officer**