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Dear Gwyn Williams,

Thank you for your questions tabled on 5 August 2026.

You asked what consideration has the Cabinet Minister given to expanding civil service staff numbers working in Swansea in order to better distribute Welsh Government activity from Cardiff to Wales' second biggest city.

Responsibility for decisions relating to the deployment and location of Welsh Government staff rests with the Permanent Secretary and, as such, the Minister for Government Effectiveness and the Constitution has asked me to respond.

The Welsh Government is currently reviewing its location strategy and the distribution of civil service roles across Wales. As part of this work, consideration is being given to how the organisation can best support effective delivery of services and policy objectives across all parts of Wales.

Options for the future will be considered and Ministers will be engaged as this work progresses.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Goodall'.

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