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Dear Cefin Campbell MS,

In CSEEWL OQs on Wednesday 1st May, following on from Q4 (Paul Davies - What is the Welsh Government doing to support the economy in west Wales? OQ60992), you requested an update on Welsh Government's plans to establish a commission on community ownership which will investigate relevant legislation.

Further to recommendations made by the Senedd Local Government and Housing Committee enquiry into community assets, a Community Asset Commission was established in March 2024. The commission is tasked with encouraging innovative thinking on community ownership of land and assets in Wales. As part of this work, the current legislative framework will be explored along with potential barriers to land and building ownership by community groups.

We are working in partnership with Andrew Flynn, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Policy and Planning at Cardiff University. In the summer of 2024, Cardiff University will be undertaking workshops with community organisations and leaders from across Wales to fully understand concerns and potential solutions.

Yours sincerely,

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