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Ein cyf/Our ref WQ89234

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Dear James,

Further to WQ89234, tabled to the Minister for Climate Change regarding an update on Welsh Government support for community transport charities to switch to electric vehicles. I am responding due to my portfolio responsibilities and I apologise for the lateness of the response.

We are working on a number of ways in which we can support electric, and shared, car ownership for communities. We are investing in rolling out publicly accessible charge-points to support the switch to electric vehicles (EV) in line with our EV Charging Strategy and Action Plan. We also expect that most of the charging infrastructure will be delivered by the private sector. Our role is to facilitate private sector investment across Wales, including in rural, remote and potentially less commercially viable locations to ensure equality of access.

The "ChargePoint Operator (CPO) Working Group" have been meeting monthly since its creation in July 2023. The group involves private, public, not-for profit and community organisations. The group will increase engagement and knowledge sharing between stakeholders; identify constraints and opportunities for market interventions and regulatory functions that will support the transition to electric vehicles.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely

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