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Dear Adam,

I am writing in response to the questions you tabled regarding the promotion of Electric Vehicle Charging and funding arising from the UK-wide policy of switching to EV ownership.

Since 2019, Welsh Government has made available funding of £32 million to deliver publicly accessible electric vehicle charging infrastructure in line with its EV Charging Strategy and Action Plan. This has been deployed through grants to local authorities and funding for Transport for Wales to deliver 'en-route' and EV charging in station car parks.

We have developed national EV charging infrastructure standards, ensuring safe, accessible, and reliable public charging. We are currently undertaking four 'cross-pavement' charging trials to assess technologies which would help those who can't charge at home, have consulted on amendments to building regulations to mandate EV chargers in new dwellings and are engaged with the UK Government on its Cost of EV charging review.

We are engaging with the energy and planning sectors to support EV charging expansion, alongside our *Moving to Zero* programme, which is exploring options for charging zero-emission heavy-duty vehicles.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The UK Government's Office for Zero Emission Vehicles administers a range of UK-wide grants that contribute towards the costs of purchasing and installing electric vehicle charge points. These include support for:

- individuals (renters and flat owners, and households with on-street parking)
- businesses, workplaces and landlords
- state-funded education institutions through the Workplace Charging Scheme.

The following low and zero emission vehicles are eligible for a UK-wide government grant, which is applied by the seller as a discount on the purchase price.

- *Wheelchair accessible vehicles, cars, motorcycles, small and large vans, small and large trucks, and taxis.*

The UK Government's 'DRIVE35' funding programme provides Capital and R&D funding for the UK automotive industry in the design, development and manufacturing of zero-emission vehicles and their supply chain.

Thank you for your continued interest in this important matter. Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', followed by a large, stylized flourish consisting of several overlapping loops.

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