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Dear Janet,

Thank you for your written question tabled on 22<sup>nd</sup> January regarding a review restrictions affecting the operation of photocopying businesses so that essential services, such as passport applications and copies of death certificates, may be processed in a timely manner.

We are currently at Alert level 4 - the highest level of restrictions to protect our citizens. The law in Wales requires restrictions are reviewed every 21 days to ensure they remain necessary and proportionate. As set out in the Coronavirus Control Plan, Wales will move to Alert Level 3, which includes the opening of non-essential shops and retail, when it is safe to do so.

However, we have recently moved to include printer cartridges (and art and craft supplies) to the list of items that can be sold.

Yours sincerely,

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