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Dear Adam,

The provision and direction of funding for legal aid are reserved to the UK Government, which also retains responsibility for these matters across Wales. The Welsh Government therefore does not have direct authority for reintroducing or enhancing legal aid schemes.

However, the Welsh Government consistently raises concerns regarding the adequacy of legal aid provision across Wales with UK Government Ministers and this is also a regular topic of discussion at Inter-Ministerial Group on Justice meetings.

To help address significant gaps in provision, the Welsh Government has allocated funding for advice services in priority areas such as, immigration, housing, and social welfare. While these measures provide vital support, they are not a substitute for a fully resourced legal aid system.

Yours sincerely,

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