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Dear Rhys,

Thank you for your recent written questions regarding overcrowding (WQ92280) and recent deaths (WQ92281) at HMP Parc, which were originally tabled to the outgoing Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip.

As you are aware, criminal justice is a reserved matter and the operational running of HMP Parc is for the UK Government. Details of meetings between Welsh Ministers and the UK Government can be found on the Welsh Government website.

I send my condolences to all of those affected by the recent deaths at HMP Parc. The Prison and Probation Ombudsman has launched an investigation into the deaths and will publish his report once it has concluded. Ahead of the report, the Welsh Government, Public Health Wales and HM Prison and Probation Service in Wales have met to discuss the deaths and an agreed set of actions is being taken forward to help mitigate the risk of future harm.

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