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Eich cyf/Your ref
Ein cyf/Our ref: WAQ 53542
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Dear Nick

Re: "What assessment has been made about the likely impact of the potential withdrawal of police functions on the M4 from 6 April."

Further to the holding reply you received for WAQ 53542, I am now in a position to provide you with a response. I apologise for the lateness in replying to you.

Following the announcement by South Wales Police that they intend withdrawing from non-criminal policing of the trunk roads in their area, the Assembly Government has instigated interim arrangements using its Trunk Road Agent's existing highway inspectors, working in conjunction with South Wales Police.

A Traffic Officer "trial" is being developed for the M4 and A470 which is intended to be in place by January 2010. Traffic Officer powers have been obtained which will be delegated to the traffic officers following their recruitment, which will begin shortly, and completion of training. The trial, in conjunction with a similar trial in north Wales, will inform the future shape of an appropriate Traffic Officer service for Wales.

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