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Dear Janet,

Recently you wrote to the Minister for Social Justice, Jane Hutt MS with the following question. What assessment has the Minister made of the impact of local authority cuts to Citizen Advice? We apologise for the delay in getting this to you.

Please see below the Minister's response.

Dear Janet,

I have not been made aware of any local authority decisions to reduce funding that is made available for Citizens Advice services. My officials work closely with Citizens Advice Cymru and if any reduction of local service provision is identified they will explore opportunities for mitigating the impact. For example, streamlining service provision, promotion of self-help tools and implementing innovative ways of delivering advice, etc.

In the 2024-25 draft budget the Welsh Government has protected the £11m Single Advice Fund budget. This funds Citizens Advice to deliver services within all twenty-two local authorities, ensuring we can be confident that people from our most disadvantaged and marginalised communities will continue to get the advice and support they need.

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