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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your Written Question, reference WQ85045 tabled on 26 April asking me which historians the Welsh Government sought advice from in relation to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee book, and what concerns, if any, they raised.

Dr Elin Jones provided Welsh Government with an unpaid independent opinion on the content of the book.

The advice from Dr Jones was that she felt its failure to address the early history of Britain, so as to explain the reasons for the existence of the indigenous languages and cultures of Britain, was a basic flaw in this book. This was exacerbated by the lack of reference to - let alone celebration of - these languages and cultures today. Concerns were also raised about the old-fashioned interpretation of English history and the lack of historical awareness.

Dr Jones also felt the book did not support the Welsh Government's Welsh language policy and undermines the efforts being made to develop an inclusive approach to culture in Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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