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Dear Janet,

I am writing in response to your letter of 21 August 2019 regarding future funding for Snowdonia National Park Authority.

I am mindful of the concerns that you have raised about the potential impact on Snowdonia National Park should it receive a reduced budget, but must stress, once again, that such pressures are not unique to any one organisation. I believe that the regular discussions between the Deputy Minister for Housing and Local Government and National Park Authorities, together with the additional funding that has been made available to them in recent years, highlights the importance my Government places on their role.

Snowdonia National Park has provided us with detailed financial information on its future operations which will assist Ministerial and Cabinet deliberations ahead of the draft Welsh Government budget being published. As the Welsh Government has only just received information on its budget for 2020-21 from the UK Government, an amount that is £300 million lower in real terms than it was in 2010-11, you will understand that funding decisions are still being considered and it would be inappropriate for me to comment further.

Best wishes,
Mark.

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