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For the Attention of the Post-Custody Accommodation Working Group

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Dear Chairs,

I am writing to you regarding the recent Supplementary Oral Questions that were raised in Plenary on 12 March, in relation to prisoner release ([Plenary 12/03/2025 - Welsh Parliament](#)).

Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham) initially asked, 'What discussions is Welsh Government having with the UK Government regarding the provision of appropriate support for prisoners being released from Welsh prisons?'

The Member then provided context for this question, noting the assistance she offered a newly released prisoner from HMP Berwyn, whilst waiting for a train at Wrexham General Station. The prisoner had been dropped off at the station with a travel warrant to get himself back to the North-East of England. He told the Member he could not write and had no idea how to navigate the rail system, which required multiple changes for him to get through his journey.

This prompted further discussion among Members, including Laura Anne Jones, who raised her experience of visiting the Salvation Army. The Member noted she was told there is a crisis of homelessness for those leaving prison.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I responded to Members by providing an overview of the important work undertaken by the Post-Custody Accommodation Working Group, co-chaired by Welsh Government and HMPPS. I took an interest in hearing these experiences and assured Members I would share these encounters with the Post-Custody Accommodation Working Group directly, for you to consider in your capacity as Chairs of the group.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'H'.

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