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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1315
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Jack Sargeant MS
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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 30 November regarding Petition P-06-1315: Stop outsourcing at the Plas Menai National Outdoor Centre for Wales.

On 20 September I issued a [written statement](#) in response to the decision of Sport Wales to appoint Parkwood Leisure as its preferred strategic partner to ensure a long-term sustainable future for Plas Menai.

Throughout consultation on its preferred approach, Sport Wales has engaged with staff and unions on its proposals. I also had personal discussions with union officials throughout the process. The terms of the agreement with Parkwood Leisure will ensure that all staff at the centre will have their terms and conditions of employment protected and that Plas Menai will retain its status as the National Outdoor Centre, operated on a not-for-profit basis.

Protecting and enhancing the provision of Welsh and our culture will be integral to the partnership between Sport Wales and Parkwood Leisure. Sport Wales, as a public body, has a legal requirement to comply with the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Welsh Language Measure (2011) and this will be carried across into the new partnership. There will be no watering down of Sport Wales's responsibilities in that respect.

Yours sincerely,

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