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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 10 October regarding a petition being considered by the Committee about the creation of a statue in Wales to honour Owain Glyndŵr.

Whilst I recognise the importance of Owain Glyndŵr in Wales' history, the Welsh Government does not normally fund the creation of new memorials or other commemorations. I understand that the National Wallace Monument in Scotland was funded at the time through a public campaign and private donors. There are a number of existing memorials to Owain Glyndŵr in Wales such as those in Machynlleth and Corwen. Whilst not of the scale of the National Wallace Monument, they serve as focal points for the commemoration of Owain Glyndŵr.

In March 2011 Cadw completed a programme of capital works to three of the most important sites associated with Owain Glyndŵr: Sycharth Castle, Glyndyfrdwy and Machynlleth Parliament House. Over £800,000 was spent on essential conservation works and improving public access and information at these three sites. This project was developed in response to concerns that monuments were at risk and this intervention has ensured the preservation of some key historic sites.

I cannot comment on the remarks regarding reported refurbishment costs. This is a matter for the Assembly Commission.

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