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Dear Bill

Thank you for your letter of 22 December 2014, regarding a petition to create a Wales owned not for profit Bottled Water Company. At present the Welsh Government has no plans to establish a Nationalised Bottled Water Company.

A key aim in Wales' Programme for Government is to be a 'One Planet Nation', putting sustainable development at the heart of Government. The provision of a nationalised water product which uses non or limited reuse plastic bottles, taken from source to consumer, makes this a non-sustainable activity, which would be in direct conflict with the Programme for Government.

Access to high quality drinking water for everyone in Wales is a key priority for Welsh Government. We work closely with the Drinking Water Inspectorate and water companies in Wales to ensure that the people of Wales have access to a high quality drinking water source from their tap. Most of the drinking water supplied in Wales is derived from surface water, which is not suitable for bottling.

Yours sincerely

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