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Deur Angela,

I committed to write to you with a breakdown of the 300 plus responses to the Assembly's debate about new tax powers and my invitation to discuss possible new taxes for Wales.

The vast majority of these were replying to internet news articles or references in social media. Of the 45 people who wrote to the Welsh Government during the summer, only five identified they were writing on behalf of bodies which hold specific positions. I am unable to confirm whether the others have particular allegiances or motivations, although they appeared to be overwhelmingly private citizens.

I was encouraged to see the level of discussion generated by the Assembly debate. This was not a formal consultation, there was no great promotion, and yet people showed a clear desire to air their views on this important issue - something I very much welcome.

In keeping with my principle of developing tax policy through engagement with taxpayers and stakeholders, I will continue to offer citizens the opportunity to become involved in this work. That is why I remain keen to keep debate and discussion open while evidence is fully gathered, so that the full range of possible approaches can be considered and stakeholders have occasion to contribute more formally. In this way we can help develop a new culture of openness and engagement in the making of tax policy in Wales.

Best wishes,

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