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Dear Suzy,

Thank you for your question during Plenary on 27 February regarding the need to track a child's use of Welsh. The Leader of the House has asked me to write to you with further details on this matter.

Mudiad Meithrin has an important role to play at each stage of the journey to Welsh-medium education. As part of the support they offer to Cylchoedd Meithrin, Cylchoedd Ti a Fi parent and toddler groups as well as the local activities they offer as part of the Cymraeg for Kids programme, Mudiad Meithrin gathers data on numbers participating in each of these stages as well as information on the proportion of children progressing from Cylchoedd Meithrin to Welsh-medium education each year (87.2 per cent according to 2016-17 data).

The Welsh Language Use Survey 2013-15 collected information from Welsh-speaking adults and young people in order to ascertain how well they can speak Welsh, how often they speak the language, and where, when and with whom they use it. It found that the percentage of people who spoke Welsh daily was relatively similar across a range of age groups with the exception of those aged 3 to 15 – a significantly higher proportion of individuals in this age group spoke Welsh daily.

I agree that we need to build on these information sources and look at other methods to improve our understanding of speakers' linguistic experiences during their lifetime. Cymraeg 2050 notes that we will ensure our research programme will pay particular attention to collecting and analysing data about individuals over time. In light of this, a number of

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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.

projects are currently being planned to look specifically children's use of Welsh as they progress throughout their period in school and beyond.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. E. Morgan'.

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