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Dear Rob,

Thank you for your correspondence addressed to the First Minister regarding the return of spectators to sporting events. It has been passed to me because responsibility for sport and physical activity in Wales sits in my portfolio.

Fans are not currently permitted to attend sporting events under the current restrictions. However, the First Minister has indicated (public health conditions permitting) that a small number of 'outdoor event pilots' can resume. The lessons learned from these pilots will help to inform future decisions on when events can recommence, when the public health position allows. Last year, prior to Wales entering Alert Level 4 restrictions, three small outdoor events, with limits of up to 100 people, with no spectators present and subject to strict risk assessments, were held across Wales to inform future 21day review processes. Officials are now working on developing the second phase of Test Events and a number of alternatives, which include stadia events, are being discussed with Local Authorities and the events sector.

The Test Event Programme is a crucial next step in preparing for the return of events and live performances and Welsh Government will look to how these are being undertaken across the UK, and take learnings where appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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