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Dear William,

I am writing to update you regarding your letter of 30 April 2014 in respect of Petition P-04-525 Funding for CREST Awards in Wales.

We recognise the value of STEM inspirational enrichment activities including activities delivered through the CREST Awards programme. Consequently, we awarded the British Science Association funding to deliver the CREST Awards pan Wales over a 12 month period commencing April 2014.

I am pleased to report that as a result of our support, a higher percentage of students in Wales are now awarded a CREST Award compared to the rest of the UK. In addition, an expert assessor, together with officials, is currently reviewing a further funding proposal regarding potentially funding CREST Awards over a 3 year period commencing April 2015.

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