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Dear Ceri,

Thank you for your correspondence addressed to the First Minister, Eluned Morgan MS, highlighting the concerns of Glynneath Town Council regarding the ending of automatic winter fuel payments to all pensioners. This has been passed onto me as tackling poverty falls within my portfolio area.

The winter fuel payment is not devolved to Wales therefore we are not able to legislate for an equivalent Winter Fuel Payment scheme. We continue to discuss tackling poverty and our shared interests with UK Government.

I want to assure you that tackling Fuel Poverty remains a priority for me. Welsh Government has supported the UK Government's campaign to get eligible pensioners signed up for Pension Credit. This ensured eligible pensioners receive the winter fuel payments this winter. Welsh Government are committed to help people in Wales and are targeting support at those who need it most.

My recent written statement [Written Statement: Tackling Fuel Poverty \(27 January 2025\) | GOV.WALES](#) outlined our other support, such as Warm Homes Nest scheme, fuel vouchers, warm hubs and the Discretionary Assistance Fund.

I have also enclosed a copy of the letter I shared with MS and MPs about the range of support Welsh Government provides to vulnerable households, which I thought you might find helpful.

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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.

I hope the information provided will be helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'H'.

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