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Re: Letter in relation to a December Meeting of Kilkenny County Council - resolution passed regarding Post Offices

Dear Ms Walsh

The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Mr Michael McGrath, TD, has asked me to respond to your letter of 22 February 2021 regarding the above matter. Minister McGrath has noted the resolution passed by the Kilkenny County Council regarding the future sustainability of the post office network, and the provision of new services to support sustainability of the country's post offices.

As you will be aware, the *Programme for Government – Our Shared Future* document envisioned a modernised post office network to provide a better range of financial services and e-commerce services for citizens and enterprise. The Government remains committed to a sustainable nationwide post office network.

The Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform has noted this resolution, but, as you will appreciate, policy regarding the postal sector and communications networks are a matter for the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Mr Eamonn Ryan, TD in the first instance. In that regard, I understand from your letter that Minister Ryan's Department has also received a copy of this resolution. Thank you for your correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Private Secretary to the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform