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Dear Huw,

Thank you for your letter of 23 March to the First Minister regarding the International Organization for Marine Aids to Navigation (IOMAN). I am responding due to my portfolio responsibilities.

The Welsh Government was not consulted by the UK Government in the drafting of the convention for the establishment of the new intergovernmental organisation, IOMAN.

We are disappointed that a UK-wide decision such as the establishment of this new intergovernmental organisation has been made without engagement with the Welsh Government. This affects all parts of the UK and Welsh interests need to be part of the decision-making process.

We welcome the strengthening of international co-operation to ensure that seafarers are provided with effective and harmonised marine aids to navigation. The IOMAN, will serve to enhance the safety of global marine navigation.

More broadly, we take the issue of workplace health and safety very seriously, whilst recognising this is a reserved matter. We nevertheless use the levers and influence we have, working in social partnership, to help keep Wales safe at work. This was very well illustrated during the coronavirus pandemic, where we proactively established the Wales Health and Safety Forum to provide a way for trade unions, the main employer representatives and the enforcement agencies to discuss and share their collective experience.

Yours sincerely,

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