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Dear Owen,

Thank you for your letter of 11 May regarding the Committee's inquiry into Post-EU Funding Arrangements.

I thank the Committee for their work and commitment to scrutinise these very important matters. I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm that Wales is front and centre of the UK Government's plans to level up the United Kingdom.

My ministerial colleagues in the Office for the Secretary of State for Wales have accepted a similar invitation from the Committee to discuss these plans with the inquiry – as such, they will be best placed to discuss these matters further.

Thank you again for your work in this area.

Yours sincerely,

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