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Dear Paul

Second Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime

You will be aware that the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee is responsible for monitoring the implementation of non-trade international agreements in the Sixth Senedd.

During our meeting on 26 September 2022 we considered the Second Additional Protocol to the Council of Europe Convention on Cybercrime.

The purpose of this agreement is to enable relevant authorities in one Party to the Convention to directly cooperate with authorities and service providers in another Party, including to expediate the provision of stored computer data via a 24/7 contact point. This builds on the original Convention, which was ratified in 2011. It will also provide a legal basis for enhanced cooperation in criminal investigations and proceedings and to the collection of electronic evidence for criminal offences relating to computer systems and data.

During our consideration of the Convention we agreed to draw it to the attention of both the Culture, Communication, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee and the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee should you wish to request more information from the Welsh Government on its effect on areas within your remits.

Our latest report is enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely,

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