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Dear Jenny,

Further to my letter of the 15 December, please find attached the additional information requested by the Equality and Social Justice Committee in relation to the Shadow Social Partnership Council (SSPC).

As explained to the Committee, the Welsh Government accepted, in principle, recommendation 28 which asked for the publication of any work undertaken to evaluate and learn the lessons of the work of the SSPC at the earliest opportunity and no later than July 2023.

Attached is a summary report providing an overview of discussions held at the SSPC. This outlines how the advice of social partners informed the response to the pandemic at each stage as decisions were being made by Welsh Government. More broadly, it provided the opportunity for a mutual exchange of ideas on a range of subjects, allowing social partners to play an active role in shaping the guidance produced by the Welsh Government. Areas discussed included the retail and tourism sectors, support for businesses more generally, the Test, Trace and Protect programme, worker safety, the re-opening of schools and the Covid19 vaccination/booster roll-out.

I trust that the Committee will find this additional information helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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