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Dear Delyth,

Thank you for the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations report on allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union.

I am grateful to you and members of the Committee for your recent focus on the allegations that have been made against the Welsh Rugby Union. I have set out the Welsh Governments' response to the Committee's recommendations in an annex to this letter.

I would, however, like to address one of your conclusions in paragraph 65 and clarify that I did not act inconsistently between the issues of misogyny and transgender when communicating with the WRU.

The Deputy Minister for Social Partnership and myself wrote to the WRU on their transgender policy as we had been approached by the WRU for a view. Officials had been working with the WRU on the policy in its development and we wanted to put on record the Welsh Government's position. This was a very different scenario compared with the allegations as I had no definitive information to raise in writing with the WRU but raised them informally at meetings with the CEO of the WRU on several occasions.

Yours sincerely,

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