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Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 12:26 PM
To: Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee | Pwyllgor Newid Hinsawdd, yr Amgylchedd a Seilwaith <SeneddClimate@senedd.wales>
Cc: LegislativeProgrammeGovernanceUnit@gov.wales;
Subject: RE: Correspondence from the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure (CCEI) Committee



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Good afternoon,

Thank you for the below query. On investigation, I found that we transferred Minister James' enquiries to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy in January 2023, as it fell under that department's policy remit.

When I followed up with the successor Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, they provided the attached correspondence which indicates a conversation may have already taken place between Minister James and Minister Stuart of DESNZ in March and April of this year.

I hope that this resolves any question of outstanding correspondence between the Minister for Climate Change in the Welsh Government, and the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

Do please advise if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,



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24 March 2023

Dear Julie,

Thank you for your letters to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities regarding a proposed transfer of legislative competence for consenting of offshore energy generating stations and a request for clarification of the Senedd's ability to legislate in respect of energy storage. I am also in receipt of your letter of the 19 January, requesting we meet to discuss energy issues and climate change. I am responding as these matters fall within my Ministerial portfolio.

Please accept my apologies that you have not had prompt responses to your letters. The question of legislative competence you raise is an important issue, with wider implications affecting other departments and other parts of the UK. My officials are working through the issue and I will provide you with a substantive answer as soon as this work has been done. In the meantime, I would suggest my officials engage with yours to clarify the Welsh Government's position, although as you will appreciate, they will not be able to give definitive answers pending the outcome of the ongoing cross-Government work.

As you identify in your most recent letter, there are significant challenges, as well as opportunities, in all parts of the UK in our transition to net zero. I am grateful to you and your officials for the positive and constructive engagement between the Welsh Government and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero, not least through the Energy and Climate Change Interministerial Group. I agree that it would be useful for us to meet separately to this to discuss how we can strengthen our joint working and I have asked my office to arrange this with yours.

Yours ever,

Rt Hon Graham Stuart MP
Minister of State for Energy Security & Net Zero

From: DSMCC@gov.wales <DSMCC@gov.wales>
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2023 11:08 AM
Subject: RE: Letter FAO Julie James/Meeting Dates - Energy Issues & Climate Change

Dear,

Thank you for your email to Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change. Minister James has noted the letter and I can confirm she will be available to meet on Wednesday 26 April at 13:30 – 14:00. I'd be grateful if you could send through the Teams invite to DSMCC@gov.wales please?

Kind regards,



Ysgrifennydd Dyddiadur i Julie James AS / Diary Secretary to Julie James MS
Y Gweinidog Newid Hinsawdd / Minister for Climate Change
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From: Stuart, Minister (BEIS) <Minister.Stuart@beis.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 March 2023 13:15
To: DS Minister for Climate Change <DSMCC@gov.wales>
Cc: BEIS Cabinet Committee Correspondence <cabinetcommittees@beis.gov.uk>;
Subject: Letter FAO Julie James/Meeting Dates - Energy Issues & Climate Change

Dear Minister James,

Please find attached letter from Minister Graham Stuart MP in response to your recent correspondence.

I am holding the following dates in the Minister's diary for you to meet to discuss energy issues and climate change. Please advise which is most convenient and I will confirm by sending a Teams linked invitation:

26 April 1.30 - 2.00
1 May 10.30 - 11.00

Thank you and best regards,



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