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First Minister

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Wales-Ireland relations: Progress report on shared learning for the Ireland-Wales Forum 2024

Dear Vaughan

At the end of last year, the former First Minister gave us a **copy of a report** which related to the secondment of a Welsh Government official to the Irish Government's Department for Foreign Affairs. The report set out what had been learned as a result of that scheme. As you will be aware, this secondment was a commitment captured in the **Shared Statement and Joint Action Plan** between the Welsh and Irish governments.

The aforementioned report notes that the secondment succeeded in increasing engagement between Welsh and Irish Government officials. It further proposes that joint work will be undertaken over the coming year in a number of policy areas. The report also notes that a progress report will be prepared in time for the Ireland Wales Forum in 2024.

I would be grateful if you could share a copy of the progress report with the Committee in due course. This would assist us to better understand the progress made in this area, and it would be in keeping with our report's recommendations to improve transparency, including as it relates to the Ireland-Wales Forum.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing cooperation with the Committee's work in championing the unique relationship between our two countries.

I look forward to hearing from you.



**Senedd Cymru
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Jewell', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Delyth Jewell MS
Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.