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Culture and the new relationship with the European Union

Dear Jeremy and Lesley,

Thank you for appearing at the Committee's **meeting on 15 May 2024**, to give evidence for our inquiry on **Culture and the new relationship with the European Union**. We were grateful for the evidence you provided during our session, and we are writing to request some additional information.

1. During the meeting, Jeremy spoke about having to use every possible opportunity to promote the Welsh Government's priorities for the EU-UK Trade and Co-operation Agreement. To assist our understanding of the degree of contact there has been between ministers and officials where such discussions have taken place, we would be grateful to receive the following information:
 - A breakdown of the inter-governmental meetings (including the inter-ministerial group and bi-lateral meetings), and meetings between officials where these issues have been raised.
 - An outline of what was discussed at each meeting.
2. Lesley said that, at the inaugural Culture and Creative Industries Inter-ministerial Group meeting, "*...it had become very apparent, very quickly that there are different priorities between the four Governments*". Please could you outline what the Welsh Government's

priorities are for supporting the cultural sector post-Brexit, as well as how they differ from other parts of the UK?

3. If, during the upcoming implementation review, the opportunity arises to re-visit the arrangements set out in the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement, what would the Welsh Government's priorities be?
4. How does the Welsh Government think the issues faced by the cultural sector should be addressed in the short, medium, and long term?

We look forward to your response by 20 June 2024.

Yours sincerely



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Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.