

Vaughan Gething MS

First Minister

Welsh Government

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The Rennes Declaration

Dear Vaughan,

I write with regard to the Rennes Declaration that was agreed in August 2023.

You will be aware that the Committee has undertaken regular monitoring of the Welsh Government's **international bi-lateral agreements**. I note that the Rennes Declaration has recently been added to the webpage which lists all international bi-lateral agreements.

The Committee has sought to improve the availability and transparency of information on international relations which is in the public domain, and we have welcomed the positive approach taken by the Welsh Government when information has been shared with us. It is somewhat disappointing, therefore, that we were not proactively informed of this international agreement, especially given the number of priority international partners involved, and the breadth of areas covered that fall within this Committee's remit.

To inform the Committee's understanding of the Rennes Declaration, I would be grateful if you could please:

- Provide a copy of the agreement to this Committee;
- Outline the Welsh Government's priority areas of delivery;
- Confirm what actions are being taken by the Welsh Government as a result; and



- Provide an explanation to us as to why all of the Welsh Government's international bilateral agreements, such as its Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Kerala or its International Friendship Pact with the city of Birmingham, Alabama, are not listed on the webpage.

Finally, I hope that, in response, you will commit to notify the Committee of all future international bilateral agreements concluded by the Welsh Government. This would both assist us to better understand the tangible outcomes of the Welsh Government international activities, and to celebrate Wales's new international connections.

I look forward to receiving your response by 11 July 2024.

Yours sincerely,



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Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

