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Delyth Jewell MS
Chair Culture, Communication, Welsh Language, Sport and
International Relations Committee

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Dear Delyth,

Thank you for your letter of 22 May seeking information on the steps the Welsh Government has taken to explore opportunities for re-joining Creative Europe, related to the Committee's inquiry on Culture and the new relationship with the European Union.

The Welsh Government has always seen the merits of Creative Europe. The benefits of the programme were highlighted during Jeremy Miles MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Welsh Language and Lesley Griffith MS, Cabinet Secretary for Culture and Social Justice's evidence session at Committee on 15 May. We remain committed to exploring opportunities for the UK to re-join the Creative Europe programme as a third country, as it has for the Horizon Europe programme.

However, our ability to take forward serious discussions on this matter is determined by the context of relations between the UK Government and the EU. These relations are dependent in large part on the approach of the new European Parliament after the recent elections and appointment of a new European Commission on the one hand and by the approach of an incoming UK Government after the UK General Election. Our intention, therefore, is to progress discussions on this matter with the incoming UK Government after the General Election.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Murphy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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