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Dear Delyth,

Thank you for your correspondence of 11 March to the Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, the Rt Hon Peter Kyle MP and the Minister for the Future Digital Economy and Online Safety, Baroness Maggie Jones, regarding the importance of maintaining the EU's adequacy decisions for the UK. I am responding as Minister for Data Protection and Telecoms.

Firstly, I would like to reassure you that I, personally, and the UK Government recognise the value of efficient and safe flows of personal data between the EU and the UK. For this reason, the Data Use and Access Bill has been designed with EU adequacy in mind. Our legislative changes are underpinned by a commitment to maintain high data protection standards. We have incorporated robust safeguards and changed proposals that did not serve our priorities and were of concern to the EU.

The Secretary of State met the EU's Justice Commissioner Michael McGrath, on 29 January 2025 to discuss the importance of EU-UK data flows. Officials from this department and the Home Office are continuing to share technical material with the European Commission, as required, to ensure the EU has all the information required to complete their renewal process.

The EU's recent proposal for a six-month extension to the UK's two adequacy decisions provides welcome clarity. It is important that organisations that deliver services for our citizens have certainty and confidence regarding these flows of personal data.

While the EU's review is underway, it is important the UK Government respects the European Commission's unilateral process. I acknowledge your request for an EU adequacy risk assessment, and to provide reassurance I have written to Ministers in Devolved Governments on the importance we place on retaining the two adequacy decisions from the EU.

I hope this letter will reassure the Welsh Government on the actions we're taking to secure renewal of the EU's decisions.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Chris Bryant MP
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