



Andrew RT Davies MS
Chair
Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee
Senedd Cymru
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Andrew,

The Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee report on the Legislative Consent Memoranda for the Data (Use and Access) Bill included a recommendation for the Welsh Government to provide regular updates on its discussions with the UK Government on EU Data Adequacy and any implications the Bill may have on trade until the UK's adequacy status beyond December 2025 is secured.

In response, the Welsh Government gave a commitment to provide updates on these matters to the Committee as part of general Ministerial scrutiny meetings and, at other times, as and when there is anything significant to report.

I am writing to update the Committee that, on 24 June 2025, the European Commission announced it had adopted a six-month extension to the existing EU data adequacy decisions for the UK until 27 December 2025.

The extension was initially proposed by the European Commission in March 2025 to allow for the Data (Use and Access) Bill to pass through the UK Parliament with Royal Assent received on 19 June 2025. The European Commission is now assessing whether the UK's new legal framework continues to provide an adequate level of protection for personal data. Based on this assessment, the European Commission has indicated it will decide whether to renew the EU data adequacy decisions for the UK.

Whilst this assessment is ongoing, the Welsh Government will continue to engage with the UK Government in relation to the EU's data adequacy decisions for the UK through the appropriate inter-governmental channels.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I trust the Committee will find this update useful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letter 'R' being particularly large and stylized.

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Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning

Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros yr Economi, Ynni a Chynllunio

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