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Chwaraeon a Chysylltiadau Rhyngwladol**

**Culture, Communications, Welsh Language,
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Naoise Ó Cearúil TD

An Leas-Chathaoirleach

Comhchoiste na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta agus

Phobal Labhartha na Gaeilge

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Dear Naoise Ó Cearúil TD,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your kind invitation to meet during your forthcoming visit to Wales later this month. My Committee and I greatly value opportunities for constructive dialogue, and we are genuinely appreciative of your thoughtfulness in extending this invitation.

Regrettably, the timing of your visit coincides with a period of Senedd recess, during which Members return to their constituencies and are therefore unable to meet in person. I must offer my sincere apologies that it will not be possible to accept your invitation on this occasion, though I would greatly value being able to meet virtually soon, should that be possible.

You will also be aware that the Committee had intended to visit Dublin from 24 to 26 February 2026. Owing to unavoidable scheduling constraints, including the requirement for members to attend an important vote in Plenary on 24 February, the Committee is no longer in a position to proceed with this visit. We very much regret that these circumstances prevent us from engaging with you as originally planned.

The visit to Dublin was intended as part of our follow-up inquiry on Wales-Ireland relations, through which we have revisited the findings of our 2023 report, *Wales-Ireland relations: Exploring an old relationship in a new age*. Given the renewal in 2025 of the international agreement *Shared Statement 2030*, the Committee considered it timely to revisit our earlier work and to explore how Wales-Ireland relations have evolved, and the extent to which the Committee's findings have been reflected in the intervening period. The Committee will be publishing its second report on Wales-Ireland relations in due course, and we will be pleased to share our findings with you.

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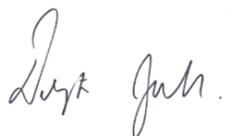
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Once again, through this inquiry, we have been moved by the depth of the connections that bind our nations together. As the Sixth Senedd draws to a close, so too does the work of our Committee. The opportunities that stretch before Wales and Ireland, though, most certainly do not. We will appeal to a future Senedd Committee to continue with our work, to ensure that the Wales –Ireland relationship retains its special status and that our findings are carried forward.

We wish you every success with your forthcoming visit to Wales.

Yours sincerely,



Delyth Jewell MS

Chair

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.