

Eluned Morgan MS
First Minister
Welsh Government

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UK-Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation

Dear Eluned,

The Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee referred the UK-Germany Treaty on Friendship and Bilateral Cooperation, laid in the UK Parliament in January, to this Committee on 17 February, given the implications for Wales' international relations and devolved areas within our remit. The UK Government's Explanatory Memorandum confirms that the Welsh Government was consulted on the Treaty, but no further detail is provided.

In light of the above, and given that Germany is identified in the Welsh Government's International Strategy as one of three priority country relationships, we agreed to request further clarification of the Welsh Government's involvement in the Treaty's negotiation and conclusion, including which Ministers and Welsh Government departments, if, any, were involved. In addition, we would be grateful if you could provide us with information on the following:

- whether the Welsh Government is content with the Treaty;
- whether the Welsh Government had the opportunity to suggest priorities and/or amendments, what these were, and confirmation of whether they were incorporated;
- more information on steps taken to implement the Treaty, or to prepare for implementation;
- how the new UK arrangements will work alongside existing Welsh Government arrangements, and whether any changes will result;

- whether the devolved governments will be represented at the UK-Germany Cultural Commission, and
- which domestic intergovernmental forums, if any, will be used to discuss UK implementation, such as Interministerial Groups (IMGs).

The Committee has also written to the UK Government for clarification of the above.

We would be grateful to receive a response by Friday 27 March.

Yours sincerely,



Delyth Jewell MS

Chair

Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.