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Dear William,

I am writing in response to your letter of 2 March 2016 regarding petition P-04-655 - "Demanding our rights for the Welsh Language in the Private Sector".

I have read the additional comments provided by the petitioner following its consideration of my letter dated 11 January 2016, and its consideration of the correspondence the Committee received from the Welsh Language Commissioner. There are no matters in the first letter from the petitioner on 17 December 2015 for me to answer. As I noted in the my previous letter on 14 October 2015, deciding which bodies to include in standards investigations is a matter for the Welsh Language Commissioner.

In response to the petitioner's letter dated 28 January 2016, I can confirm that there is no unwritten understanding between the Welsh Ministers and the Welsh Language Commissioner not to fully implement the powers in the Measure. I am aware that the Commissioner has announced her intentions for conducting standards investigations in 2016, and they include private sector bodies. Those investigations will lead to developing standards for bodies within the transport, electricity and gas sectors. This will be a substantial step forward in implementing the Measure, and will be significant progress on what was achieved under the previous Welsh Language Schemes system.

Yours sincerely

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