

Rt Hon Mark Drakeford MS  
First Minister of Wales

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Dear Mark

**Protection of Classified Information: agreements UK/Estonia, UK/Latvia, UK/Belgium and UK/Italy**

You will be aware that the [Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee](#) is responsible for monitoring the implementation of non-trade international agreements in the Sixth Senedd.

At our meeting on **13 September 2021** we considered four international agreements between the UK and individual EU Member States ([UK/Estonia](#), [UK/Latvia](#), [UK/Belgium](#) and [UK/Italy](#)) on the protection of classified information.

These agreements will provide a legal basis for the protection for any classified information exchanged between the UK and Estonia, Latvia, Belgium and Italy, which could include subjects such as defence, law enforcement, counter-terrorism and security.

During our consideration we agreed to seek the Welsh Government's assessment of the agreements' implications, if any, for Wales and its contractors, including whether the Welsh Government agrees with the UK Government's conclusion that the agreements have 'no implications for the devolved administrations'. We would be grateful to receive your response by 30 September.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

