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Dear Eluned,

Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister meeting

Thank you for attending the scrutiny of the First Minister Committee on 13 December 2024.

It was a useful and informative session and the Committee appreciated the opportunity to explore the Welsh Government's work in the context of Wales and the World, as well as more topical issues. There were areas of questioning that we were not able to fully cover during the session, and we would therefore appreciate a written update to the queries set out in the Annex to this letter.

During the course of the meeting, you also indicated that you would write to Committee Chairs explaining your approach going forward in dealing with Committee report recommendations. I would be grateful if you could also copy in the Chairs' Forum to that letter.

Yours sincerely



David Rees MS

Chair, Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



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Annex: Additional information

Wales and the World

1. What assessment, if any, has been made of the impact on the Welsh Government and higher education institutes of potentially granting Hong Kong B(NO) visa holders home fee status?
2. Whilst the Committee welcomes the contribution of the Welsh Government to the DEC appeal, and Plenary statements it has made about the conflict in Gaza, what is the Welsh Government doing to ensure its views on the matter are expressed to a wider global audience?
3. What is the Welsh Government's strategy on the development of green hydrogen?
4. As a consequence of the Welsh Government relationships with other countries and/or overseas businesses, what inward investments have been committed to Wales and how is that investment being assessed?

NHS

5. With a further £50 million of funding provided to local health boards, could the First Minister clarify:
 - a) how this funding has been allocated and on what criteria;
 - b) the details of the offer to Powys health board; and
 - c) whether health boards are allocated less funding if they are not providers?
6. Does the Welsh Government have any intention to build/establish further orthopaedic hubs, and if so, could the First Minister provide further information on this?
7. Could the FM provide further details on preventative care spending, and how the WG intend to reduce the need for patients being admitted to hospital?
8. What is the WG doing to support the culture shift towards preventative care, and how is it going to achieve this?

Decarbonising homes

9. What is the Welsh Government doing to improve energy efficiency to decarbonise homes?
10. The Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee recommended in its report '[Decarbonising the private housing sector](#)' (recommendation 27, which was accepted in

principle) that the Welsh Government should assess the feasibility of using Council Tax and Land Transaction Tax to incentivise energy efficiency retrofit as a priority. Could the First Minister provide an update on any progress made?

11. What is the Welsh Government doing to communicate and promote the issues associated with fuel poverty and decarbonising homes, and encouraging schemes such as 'Eco Flex'? And how is it delivering this?

Transport

12. With the closure of Holyhead port as result of infrastructure damage during storms Darragh and Bert, and the temporary closure of Britannia Bridge, what is the Welsh Government doing to improve the resilience of the transport links in and out of Ynys Môn?