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Chair
Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee
National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Bethan,

Thank you for your letter dated 1 November regarding Welsh Language Standards to the then Minister for Lifelong Learning and Welsh Language.

I am committed to the standards system and keen to see bodies moving from the previous Welsh Language Schemes system to the standards system so that there is a stronger legal framework in place for the language. My predecessor committed to introduce regulations to make standards applicable to health sector bodies before the end of the year. Whilst I agree with the Welsh Language Commissioner that imposing standards in health sector bodies is a priority, I need to ensure that I am satisfied with the standards that have been prepared before laying them.

The consultation on the White Paper '*Striking the right balance: proposals for a Welsh Language Bill*' over the summer included proposals for a revised model of standards. I am currently considering the responses to the White Paper and will provide a further update in due course.

Yours sincerely

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