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Dear Mike

Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management in Wales

As you will recall, the Public Accounts Committee published its Report on Coastal Flooding and Erosion Risk Management in Wales in June. The Committee has considered the Welsh Government's response to the recommendations and has been in correspondence with the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs seeking clarification on a number of points.

During the Committee meeting on 11 December, we discussed the Cabinet Secretary's response of 20 November and it was suggested that I send you a copy as your Committee may be interested in the coastal toolkit to accompany the new Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management with regard to realignment.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Nick

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE REPORT: COASTAL FLOOD AND EROSION RISK MANAGEMENT IN WALES - CLARIFICATION ON RECOMMENDATIONS RESPONSE

Thank you for your letter dated 11 October 2017 seeking clarification of my response to the recommendations from your recent report. I am pleased to provide you with additional information below as requested:

Recommendation 6 – a coastal toolkit will accompany the new National Strategy for Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management. It will set out options and guidance for all of the Shoreline Management Plan policies, including managed realignment.

Recommendation 9 – a Board chaired by Welsh Government officials maintains oversight of the Coastal Risk Management Programme, reporting to Welsh Ministers where appropriate. The planned mid-programme review will include: progress against programme objectives, lessons identified on the use of the Local Government Borrowing Initiative for investment in flood and coastal erosion schemes; and, the requirement for further investment.

In addition, work has already begun with Risk Management Authorities to bring together a long term pipeline of potential schemes which will strengthen our case for future funding.

Regards

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