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Dear Mick,

I am writing to inform you, as per the inter-institutional relations agreement, that on 12 September 2019, I will attend the Joint Ministerial Committee (EU Negotiations).

The meeting will discuss Exit Readiness, EU negotiations and the common frameworks.

I will explain our view that faced by a choice between a no deal Brexit and remaining in the EU, we will campaign to remain and that we believe a referendum is now needed to resolve the impasse. The events of recent days have highlighted the need to continue to stress the view that a no deal Brexit must be avoided and that continuing uncertainty is doing deep damage to our economy.

In terms of readiness, I have always been clear that a 'no deal' would be catastrophic for Wales and the whole of the UK, and should be unthinkable. A 'no deal' exit from the EU will cause significant disruption and damage to our economy, having a very real impact on peoples' livelihoods.

In spite of this conviction, we are doing all that we can to prepare for leaving without a deal. But I will stress that it is simply not possible to mitigate all of the consequences; that significant funds will need to be made available to support the businesses and people of Wales through the turmoil; and that we cannot prepare in isolation, with our ability to prepare effectively hampered by UK Government reducing the amount of information shared with us.

I will continue to call for the devolved administrations to be represented in UK negotiating teams and stress our commitment to ensure that UK negotiating positions should not normally be advanced with the EU without the agreement of the Devolved Administrations for those matters within our competence. Furthermore I will press the need for rapid progress of the Dunlop Review.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I will reaffirm our commitment to the common frameworks process and continue to raise the need to consider common frameworks as part of the wider system of intergovernmental relations.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee (EAAL).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JM', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

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