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National Assembly for Wales

External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Eluned Morgan AM Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language

24 July 2019

Dear Eluned,

Request for further information following 10 June 2019 Committee meeting

Thank you for attending the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee's meeting on 10 June 2019. I am writing to seek your response to a number of questions raised during the session.

International strategy

The Committee welcomes the progress you have made in setting Wales' international strategy in the light of the UK's departure from the EU, and your assurance that the strategy will be published before summer recess. Can you please outline the consultation process by which you arrived at this strategy, and provide the Committee with a complete list of the responses you received?

International offices

I was interested to hear about the role of the Head of Performance Management for the overseas offices, and the performance data gathered by them on the 21 overseas offices. You committed at the meeting to provide performance data to the Committee on a quarterly basis. We welcome that commitment and look forward to receiving your first report in the autumn.

Concordat on international agreements

You stated during the session that a concordat with the UK Government is being drafted to set out how future trade deals will be negotiated and to ensure there is an understanding



of how the Welsh Government feeds into that process. In order to further the Committee's understanding of the process, can you please respond to the following:

- what is the Welsh Government's contribution to that process;
- has the Welsh Government produced any documentation and, if so, can it be shared with the Committee;
- do you have proposals you are putting to the United Kingdom Government on these matters;
- who are you negotiating with in the UK Government; and
- by what time do you expect to reach agreement on these matters?

I would be extremely grateful if you would respond by 6 September 2019.

Yours sincerely,

David Rees AM

Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

David F. Lees.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

