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Chair
Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear Russell,

We wish to provide advanced notice of a quadrilateral meeting with the Secretary of State (SoS) for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on 17 October 2019.

Representation at the meeting is expected as follows:

- UK Government - Andrea Leadsom MP, Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.
- Scottish Government - Rosanna Cunningham MP, Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform.
- Northern Ireland – Unknown, official representation.

The meeting was due to take place on 07 October but was cancelled by the Secretary of State at short notice. We are deeply frustrated by this and will be writing to the Secretary of State to express our frustration.

At the meeting the Welsh Government will be represented by the Minister for Economy and Transport and the Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs. The Ministers will raise and cross-cutting issues relevant to the Education portfolio.

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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.

It has been agreed that the draft agenda will include discussion on how we prepare business and citizens for Brexit, the role of the UK in tackling climate change and the Industrial Strategy, in particular the place-based approach. We will also be highlighting the need to strengthen and maintain Ministerial engagement with BEIS through more robust inter-governmental structures necessary to ensure the devolution settlement is protected and impacts on Welsh citizens and businesses is limited.

Following the meeting, we will produce a Written Statement which will provide members with a summary of the issues discussed and an outline of the positions advanced by the Welsh Government.



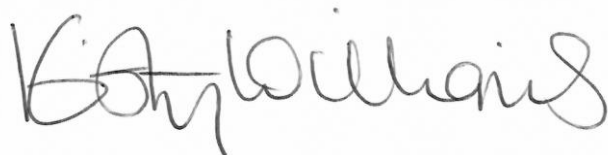
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