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Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales

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Dear Ken,

**UK – Montenegro Air Service Agreement**

As part of its work on the scrutiny of international agreements, the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee considered the UK – Montenegro Air Service Agreement at its meeting on 18 November 2019.

Our assessment of the agreement confirmed that the Agreement relates to reserved matters. However air services agreements are of particular interest to Wales due to the fact that Cardiff Airport is owned by the Welsh Government, and the wider importance of English airports to Welsh connectivity. In spite of this interest, we note that no reference is made of any consultation by the UK Government with the Welsh Government during the negotiation of this agreement. Can you please provide information as to whether the Welsh Government has been engaged with the negotiation process for air services agreements, and whether you are happy with the approach being taken by the UK Government? This information will assist the Committee with the assessment of future agreements.

Yours sincerely,



David Rees AM

Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



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