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Dear David,

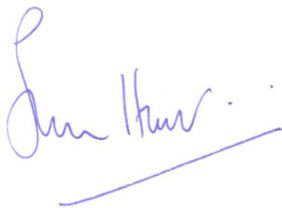
I am writing to you following the letter of 21 June from the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to your Committee.

As you will be aware, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster is unable to appear before your Committee on 30 June owing to prior commitments. I have discussed this matter with him and we have agreed that I will be able to attend on his behalf. Therefore, please take this letter as confirmation of my attendance.

It is, in my opinion, quite right that the UK Government should engage with the committees of the devolved legislatures wherever possible. Clearly, there have been differences of opinion between the UK and Welsh Governments on the issue of extending the transition period. However, there have been regular discussions on EU negotiations between our governments at both official and ministerial levels. I hope that our session on 30 June will give suitable reassurance that the UK Government remains committed to engaging with the Welsh Government on these matters and ensuring that any agreement that is reached delivers for the people of Wales.

I am copying this letter to the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Yours sincerely,



Rt Hon Simon Hart MP
Secretary of State for Wales
Ysgrifennydd Gwladol Cymru