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Post-EU regional development funding: Inquiry Report

Dear Dehenna,

I am pleased to enclose a copy of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee's report on post-EU regional development funding, published on 12 September. Thank you again for your written evidence to the Committee's inquiry, received on 13 June. I hope that you find our report findings useful and of interest.

As you know this inquiry focused not only on how post-EU funding is being delivered in Wales, but on how the different levels of government have been working together on that delivery, and what lessons can be learnt from initial rounds of funding to inform future rounds of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

You will not be surprised therefore, that although we expect a response to the report from the Welsh Government, a number of the report's recommendations are primarily for consideration by UK Ministers.

In line with protocol arrangements between the Welsh Government and Senedd Committees we will be expecting Welsh Government to respond to our report within six weeks – i.e. by 24 October. Within a week or so of this date we expect the Senedd to debate the report in plenary session.



It would therefore be very helpful to receive a UK Government response to our recommendations by 24 October. I very much look forward to that response.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Paul Davies MS

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