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Dear David

Thank you for your letter of 7 August requesting an update on how the Welsh Government will approach the handling of existing oil and gas onshore licenses and future policy.

As indicated in my letter of 28 June to the Committee, we are in the process of developing the evidence to inform the way forward. For clarification the licensing of Underground Coal Gasification will not be transferring to Welsh Ministers as it is a function of the Coal Authority rather than the Oil and Gas Authority.

We are somewhat dependent on information from and agreement with the UK Government regarding the transfer of the onshore petroleum licensing system. I would anticipate being able to provide the Committee with an up-date on the matter before the Christmas recess.

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