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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 20 August and your kind welcome to my new position. I am writing in response to your invitation to provide evidence to the External Affairs Committee.

I would be happy to address your Committee and to update members on the UK Government's next steps in relation to our withdrawal from the European Union. I am also able to address questions on negotiations, as my department leads in this area. As you may be aware, responsibility for no deal preparations lies with my colleagues in the Cabinet Office, who will be best placed to update on this.

My officials will work with the Committee clerks to finalise the details. I look forward to visiting Wales and meeting the Committee in the coming weeks.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Wales.

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