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Dear Paul,

Thank you for your letter of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 seeking responses to questions in relation to the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act.

In answer to questions 1 and 2, we recognise that the Senedd did not give its consent to the REUL Act, however as relevant executive functions now sit with Welsh Ministers, we will exercise those functions responsibly.

Welsh Government are considering the consequences of the new powers provided to Welsh Ministers by the Act and will develop plans accordingly. We are working with our UK Government counterparts to understand their intent and any implications that their plans might have which will impact on Wales. We do not currently have any plans to use these powers to bring about substantive policy changes.

In responding to the UK Government's REUL Act, it is a priority for Welsh Government to focus on issues of devolved competence in Wales arising from the implementation of the REUL Act. We have not established a universal mechanism to address instruments covering matters of reserved competence in Wales. We will keep any such instruments under review and address any implications for matters that are the responsibility of the Welsh Government accordingly.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

In answer to question 3, no instruments were identified as giving rise to specific concerns requiring Welsh Ministers to exercise their power to preserve them insofar as they applied in devolved areas.

Yours sincerely,

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**Vaughan Gething AS/MS**

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