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Dear Buffy,

Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill

Thank you for your letter dated 10 October 2024, seeking clarification on the drafting in section 23(3) of the Welsh Language and Education (Wales) Bill.

I can confirm that the wording '*annog dilyniant*' in section 23(3)(e) of the Welsh version of the Bill is correct and reflects the policy intent.

I will bring forward a technical amendment for consideration during Stage 2 of the scrutiny process which will change the wording of the English version to better reflect the Welsh text. That amendment will omit the words "*to facilitate*" in 23(3)(e) in the English version of the Bill, as introduced and will insert the word "*encouraging*".

We think the above change would also deal with the second point raised in your letter about the flow of the wording in the English text.

We will also consider whether any other amendments are required as a result of this change.

I'm grateful to you for drawing this matter to my attention and look forward to working with you through the remainder of the scrutiny process.

Yours sincerely,

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