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Dear Chairs,

Wales Covid-19 Inquiry Special Purpose Committee

I am writing in response to your letter dated 31 January. I welcome the work of the Special Purpose Committee and its approach to engagement and evidence gathering in relation to the Module 1 report.

As I stated in my response to the Module 1 report, the Welsh Government has already undertaken significant steps to learn from the experiences of the pandemic to develop our approach to preparedness and response. The Wales Resilience Framework and its associated delivery plan are central to the longer-term work we are undertaking to enhance Wales's resilience and preparedness arrangements. The Framework is in the final stages of development, and we are working closely with our partners to finalise it. As such, a consolidated draft is not available to share with the Committee, however, I will be publishing the Framework and delivery plan in May.

We will publish six-monthly progress updates on the Module 1 recommendations to the Senedd via written statements and will publish our responses to future inquiry reports. Whilst I do not intend to deliver a preparedness statement to the Senedd this year, I will be making an oral statement announcing publication of the Framework. This will touch upon many of the issues which would otherwise be addressed in a preparedness statement.

Yours sincerely

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