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I attended the 43rd meeting of the British-Irish Council on 12 and 13 June, which was hosted by the Northern Ireland Executive in Newcastle, County Down. The theme of this summit was 'The Role of AI in Reform and Transformation'. The meeting was co-chaired by First Minister Michelle O'Neill MLA and deputy First Minister Emma Little-Pengelly MLA. A joint Communiqué was issued after the meeting, which is available [here](#).

The Council reflected upon the strategies adopted by each of the British-Irish Council's Member Administrations for utilising artificial intelligence (AI) technologies to drive public sector reform and enhance the delivery of public services across these islands. The discussion explored both the potential advantages and challenges associated with the broader integration of AI in public administration.

I outlined the Welsh Government's progress in adopting and integrating AI across public services. This includes the use of AI technology by our Data Science. I also highlighted the positive impact of AI in our health service, particularly in diagnostics, where AI and automation have contributed to a 13% increase in the detection of prostate cancer.

I emphasised the ethical responsibilities that governments across these islands share in deploying AI, including the need to uphold fair work standards and protect jobs in the face of increasing automation. I reaffirmed that the Welsh Government's approach to AI is firmly grounded in our commitment to Social Partnership, ensuring that technological progress supports the well-being of workers and communities. In this context, I highlighted the guidance developed by Wales' Workforce Partnership Council on the ethical and responsible use of AI across public sector workplaces.

This statement is being issued during recess to keep Members informed. Should Members wish me to make a further statement or to answer questions on this when the Senedd returns I would be happy to do so.