

Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM
First Minister of Wales

19 July 2018

Dear First Minister,

**Request for an update on progress with recommendations contained in the report
on ‘How the Welsh Government is preparing for Brexit?’**

In January we published our report on how the Welsh Government is preparing for Brexit. The report concluded that whilst, as a Committee, we hope that the Article 50 negotiations will conclude with a successful outcome for all parties, the possibility of a ‘no deal’ outcome being in place on 29 March 2019 must be addressed in terms of the Welsh Government’s scenario planning.

To the backdrop of ongoing negotiation between the UK Government and the European Union, it must be acknowledged that continued uncertainty about the eventual outcome remains. As such I write to request a progress update from you on each of the Committee’s seven recommendations. For ease of reference, these recommendations are provided as an Annex to this letter.

In preparing your response, I would be grateful if you could please include:

- details of specific actions taken in order to fulfil the Committee’s recommendations;
- an indication of any additional resources (whether in terms of additional financial or staffing resource) provided to deliver on the Committee’s recommendations; and

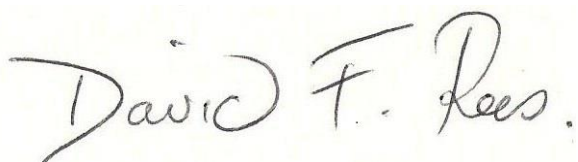


- an indication of timescales for completion of any ongoing preparedness work.

I would also like to use this opportunity to inform you that the Committee will also be undertaking further evidence gathering work with stakeholders on Wales' preparedness for Brexit during the autumn term. Further details will be provided on the Committee's website in due course.

I would be grateful for a response to this letter by 3 September 2018.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear first name, a middle initial, and a last name.

David Rees AM

Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

