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Dear,

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Thank you for your request which I received on 11 September 2018. You asked:

- Has the Welsh Government produced any Brexit impact assessments?
- If so, can you provide copies of those assessments?

The Welsh Government has undertaken a huge amount of work to consider the wide-ranging implications that could arise as a result of Brexit. It is not practicable to identify every single document that might touch on the potential impact of Brexit given the large number that this would encompass, but this material has contributed to the development of key Welsh Government documents.

As part of preparing for Brexit, the Welsh Government has undertaken a range of work to consider the resulting impact and have published a series of policy documents examining in detail the implications for Wales of leaving the EU.

Through our White Paper – [Securing Wales's Future](#) – published in January 2017, and subsequent policy papers on trade, migration, regional investment and devolution, we have published evidence and analysis that have informed detailed proposals for a Brexit that would protect jobs and the Welsh economy.

In [Brexit and Fair Movement of People](#) we examined the impact of EU migration on Wales and set out proposals for a new migration system that links migration more closely to employment.

In [Regional Investment after Brexit](#) analysed Wales' relationship with EU funding and we set out proposals for regional funding after Brexit.

Through our paper [Trade Policy: the issues for Wales](#) we set out evidence of Wales' close economic and trade relationship with the EU and how retaining full access to the European Single Market and membership of a customs union could protect this.

A radical change to the way the nations of the UK are funded is among the proposals contained in [Reforming UK funding and fiscal arrangements after Brexit](#). The paper calls for the design of a new funding system which promotes fairness across the UK, encourages balanced economic growth across all parts of the country and based on the consent of all the nations of the UK.

Our vision for a fundamentally different constitutional relationship between the devolved governments and the UK Government was outlined in [Brexit and Devolution](#)

We commissioned the Welsh Economy Research Unit of Cardiff Business School to examine how post Brexit options would affect large and medium sized firms in Wales, and which sectors could be most vulnerable to the EU transition process and what the EU transition processes might mean for inward investment. The report identified the sectors in Wales most at risk from tariffs and those at risk from non-tariff barriers. It also examined how Brexit is being factored into business decisions with clear economic ramifications for Wales.

The report can be found at:

[EU Transition and Economic Prospects for Large and Medium Sized Firms in Wales](#)

The Evidence and Scenarios Sub-Group of the Brexit Roundtable Stakeholder Group established by the Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs (ERA) has published an **EU Exit scenario report** for the food, fisheries, farming, forestry and the environment sectors. Over a number of months, a sub-group examined a number of different Brexit scenarios to identify the possible impacts on the sectors. In its report, five scenarios were developed, including defaulting to WTO terms, an EU-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and complete access to the single market with new FTAs with third countries. The report can be found at:

<https://gov.wales/topics/environmentcountryside/farmingandcountryside/cap/wales-rural-network/roundtable-wales/evidence-and-scenario-sub-group/?lang=en>

In March 2017 a paper was prepared for the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition '*Economic Impact of leaving the European Union*'. Some of the material in the paper is subject to section 35 (Formulation of Government Policy) considerations and requires us to consider the public interest test for and against disclosure. We will write with our final response no later than a further 20 working days (6 November), and sooner if possible.

We continue to work closely with the private, public and third sector across Wales to evaluate the potential impact of Brexit and prepare as much as it practicable for the range of possible outcomes.

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Yours sincerely