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WQ90388
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Dear Rhys,

I'm writing in response to WQ90388: What steps are being taken to ensure that international and UK-wide labour standards are enforced firmly in Wales?

Employment rights and their enforcement is a reserved matter. In meetings with UK Ministers, I have pressed the need to strengthen employment protections and their enforcement. *We have repeatedly called on the UK Government to honour the commitment it made in 2019 for an Employment Bill and a Single Enforcement Body which is properly resourced.* In the absence of enforcement powers, we have established the Code of Practice on Ethical Employment in Supply Chains to help ensure workers in public sector supply chains are employed in a fair and ethical way, and we use levers such as the Economic Contract to assure ourselves that employers we work with act in accordance with their legal responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,

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