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Dear Janet,

I am writing in response to WQ90615: Further to WQ90458, will the Minister detail what actions the Welsh Government's nuclear team based in North Wales have taken to champion the benefits of the Wylfa site during the 2023/24 financial year?

My officials have maintained regular liaison throughout the 2023-24 financial year with officials from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero to both better understand UK Government plans with respect to the Wylfa site and to press for commitment to develop the site as quickly as possible. Wylfa has the potential to be either the next gigawatt scale project after Sizewell C, or one of the first sites for small modular reactor (SMR) development in the UK. These decisions, however, are for the UK Government to take.

Officials have also maintained regular contact with executives from Bechtel and Westinghouse, given the interest expressed by both companies in the Wylfa site since late 2020. With the emergence late last year of interest from KEPCO, the Korean nuclear developer, officials are also seeking to meet relevant company representatives to highlight the site's attributes, the local community support and the Welsh supply chain and skills capabilities.

With respect to the site's SMR potential, officials maintain a regular dialogue with Great British Nuclear and interested technology vendors to maximise interest in the Wylfa site and optimise the site's development potential.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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