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Welsh Government

Our Ref: WQ90178

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Dear Andrew,

I write in response to WG90178: How is the Welsh Government ensuring that employers and employees have a say in social and economic decisions made by the Welsh Government?

As Minister for Economy, I regularly meet with trade unions and business representative organisations on social and economic matters within my portfolio.

On 30<sup>th</sup> November, I held my second Economic Summit of the year in Thales in Ebbw Vale, where social partners and a much wider business audience took part with speakers from several diverse businesses located in Wales.

More broadly, the Welsh Government has longstanding social partnership arrangements with trade unions, business representative organisations, public sector bodies and other employer representatives.

The Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023 became law earlier this year, placing social partnership on a statutory footing in Wales. The Act established the Social Partnership Council, which brings together representatives of employers and workers from the public, private and third sectors in Wales with the purpose of improving economic, environmental, social, and cultural well-being in Wales. The First Minister recently confirmed the membership of the Council, which will meet for the first time in the new year: [Written Statement: Membership of the Social Partnership Council \(4 December 2023\) | GOV.WALES](#)