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Dear Mr Thomas,

Following your question on 9 July 2014 in Plenary, I agreed to look into the matters you raised.

The Welsh Government seeks to influence EU policy making by working with key partners such as the UK Government, the EU institutions and the other Devolved Administrations. The Welsh Government's engagement on EU issues with the UK Government, as the government of the Member State, is vitally important and I am pleased to note that the recent report by the National Assembly's Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee (CLAC) expressed positive views on the way the Welsh Government pursues Welsh interests in the EU.

The Welsh Government is currently taking forward most of the recommendations in the CLAC report on Wales' role in the EU decision-making process.

In the meantime, in relation to the Commission's proposal for legislation on the use of driftnets, the Welsh Government is working with other UK Fisheries Administrations to make sure that the UK, as the Member State, can press for an appropriate response in the EU negotiations on the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T.H.', written over a horizontal line.

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