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Dear Secretary of State,

Thank you for your letter to my predecessor regarding the nomination of a representative from Sport Wales to the Board of UK Sport.

As you know, the precedent here is that the Welsh representative has been nominated by the Welsh Ministers, in accordance with the fact that sport is a devolved matter. This de facto position was reflected in the advice my officials received from the DCMS Appointments team and in the information on the UK Sport website.

I understand that the legal framework has not been updated to take account of devolution and does not allow the Welsh Ministers formally to make this appointment.

There are no grounds in principle for treating Wales differently from the other devolved territories and I hope we can agree to amend the legal framework at the earliest opportunity.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

On the basis of precedent and in the spirit of collaboration, I hope you will reconsider your position. While I do not object to the Secretary of State's nomination, I believe that the Chair of Sport Wales, by virtue of their experience at this level is the person best equipped to represent Sport Wales on the Board of UK Sport.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Elis-Thomas'.

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