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Dear Huw,

Thank you for your Written Questions of 16 August on:

- Are there plans for Welsh Government to include RAYNET-UK in the list of statutory consultees for developments of national significance? (W88798)
- Will the Minister provide the new structure and contact details in place since responsibility for RAYNET-UK was devolved to the Welsh Government? (WQ88803)

Applications for developments of national significance are proposed to be replaced by applications for infrastructure consent, as set out in the Infrastructure (Wales) Bill. Statutory consultees in the new process will be prescribed through secondary legislation. Whether or not Radio Amateurs Emergency Network (RAYNET) UK should be a statutory consultee can be considered as part of the drafting of that secondary legislation.

RAYNET-UK is a UK wide voluntary communications service provided for the community by licensed radio amateurs. It has supported charities and local events and is also available 24/7 to offer an additional emergency communication solution. Its services are available to anyone planning for or during an emergency. For example, arrangements could be established between the local emergency planners/responding agencies and the local RAYNET group, but that would be a matter between them.

We are not aware that responsibility for this has been devolved to the Welsh Government. Further information on RAYNET-UK is available at <https://www.raynet-uk.net/index.asp>.

Yours sincerely,

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