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Dear Delyth,

Thank you for your letter of 21 September regarding DSEI 2021.

I can confirm the Welsh Government did not have a stand at the event and no Welsh Ministers attended. The Welsh Government is not “sponsoring the arms trade” or the trade fair.

My contribution during the Business Statement was made in relation to the specific points, above, which you raised in your question.

A small number of Welsh Government officials did attend the event. The Welsh Government also provided support for Aerospace Wales, which is the leading trade body for the aerospace, defence and space sectors in Wales, to attend DSEI 2021 – these sectors have a collective value of at least £4bn and employ more than 18,000 people in Wales.

I am happy to clarify the record in respect of these points and am copying this letter to the Llywydd.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Lesley" on top and "Griffiths" below it, both starting with a capital letter.

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