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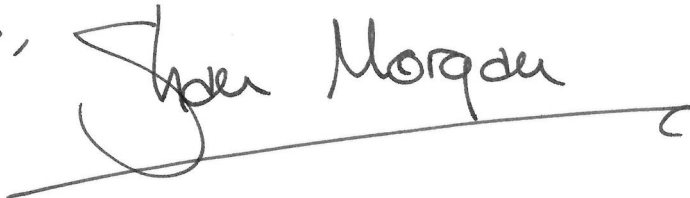
Dear Mr Davies,

27 November 2017

**Written Assembly Question 75229**

**Andrew R.T. Davies (South Wales Central):** *Will the First Minister provide an update on the independent inquiry he has asked the Permanent Secretary to convene, noting when the chair of the inquiry be named and how the First Minister expects the inquiry to proceed once the Chair is in place?*

The First Minister has asked for this question to be transferred to me for answer, as I am responsible for convening the independent inquiry. Preparations for the inquiry are well underway. I am in contact with Mr Sargeant's family through their solicitors and MP to discuss the names of a potential QC for the inquiry, and premises for the inquiry team have been identified outside of the Welsh Government administrative estate. As soon as the QC is appointed and the terms of reference settled, I will write to all AMs to set these details out formally. Once the inquiry is established, it will be for the QC to determine the way in which it proceeds, and I will not have any role in or influence on this.

Yours,  


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