

**BRIEF WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS ON BEHALF OF THE WELSH GOVERNMENT
FOR THE MODULE 2 PRELIMINARY HEARING ON 1 MARCH 2023**

1. On behalf of the Welsh Government, we thank CTI for their written note and subsequent update.
2. We do not seek to make oral submissions on 1 March 2023.
3. The Welsh Government remains committed to this Inquiry and re-affirms its co-operation with the process. It is important that the Inquiry has the time and space to examine the important issues at its heart, in depth and with care so that a light can be properly shone on issues and lessons learnt. The Welsh Government notes the proposed change to the oral hearing, recognising if it enables the Inquiry to get to the truth, then it will ultimately be worthwhile.
4. Further to the CTI note, the First Minister has received a Rule 9 request and will provide an in depth and transparent response to the Inquiry.
5. We do not intend to make any submissions in relation to Parliamentary Privilege which is a matter principally for the UK Government. However, we do draw to the Inquiry's attention that in Wales, S41 and 42 of Government of Wales Act 2006 apply to the Senedd.
6. The Welsh Government will wish to make opening and closing statements at the oral hearing.

23 February 2023

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