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Rt Hon Stephen Crabb MP
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Dear Stephen,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Government's response to the Committee's report on the Benefit System in Wales. Our response to your additional queries are set out below:

1. What is the source for the Government's projection that inflation will fall by Spring 2023? On what date was this projection released?

At the time of the previous letter the most recent Bank of England forecast for CPI inflation was published in its quarterly Monetary Policy Report on 5 May 2022:

	2022Q2	2022Q3	2022Q4	2023Q1	2023Q2	2023Q3	2023Q4
CPI	9.1	9.5	10.2	9.3	6.7	5.9	3.6

CPI was forecast to fall to 6.7% in Q2 (April to June) 2023 from 9.3% in Q1 (Jan to March) 2023.

2. What is DWP doing to work with the Welsh Government on streamlining its system of grants and allowances (report paragraph 132)?

DWP will continue to work with the Welsh Government to discuss what improvements can be made in terms of signposting towards Welsh Government grants and allowances for people in Wales. Policy on those grants and allowances, and their delivery, remain matters for the Welsh Government.

3. Will DWP and HMRC be involved in the monitoring and evaluation of the Welsh Government pilot? If so, what will that involvement be?

No. The design delivery, monitoring and evaluation of the basic income pilot are matters for the Welsh Government.

4. Further information from the Government on the recommendation relating to devolving the administration of some benefits to WG.

The UK Government does not intend to transfer the administration of reserved Social Security benefits to the Welsh Government.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Rutley', with a horizontal line underneath.

David Rutley MP

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