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Dear Eirian,

Devolving the Powers of the Crown Estate

Thank you for your letter of 14 August which has been brought to my attention by the Prime Minister's Office.

The Crown Estate brings great financial benefits to Wales and regularly invests and reinvests into assets in Wales. Since 2011/12 the Crown Estate has invested a total of £87.5 million in Wales. The Estate works closely with devolved services and has Memorandums of Understanding with both the Welsh Government and Natural Resources Wales. As part of the St David's Day Agreement, the Crown Estate agreed to publish its Memorandum with the Welsh Government and update it annually.

There are, however, no plans to devolve the Crown Estate to Wales.

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