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Dear Mr Lavery

Request for information regarding the English Language Bill

I refer to your complaint to the Ombudsman about my response of 25 March 2026 to your request of 15 March 2026 for information about the English Language Bill.

Your request was for release of information that had been withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) of the Official Information Act 1982 from a proactive release about the English Language Bill.

All of the information withheld under section 9(2)(f)(iv) related to the Bill's priority on the Government's Legislative Programme. Upon further reflection, I have decided it is no longer necessary to withhold that information and so **attached** is a new version of the documents with that information unredacted.

Yours sincerely

Hon Paul Goldsmith
Minister of Justice

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Goldsmith', written over the typed name.