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Janet Ryder AM  
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Constitutional Affairs Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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15 February 2011

Dear Janet

**Proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure**

Thank you for your letter dated 10 February following my appearance before your Committee to discuss the Government amendments to the proposed Local Government (Wales) Measure that will give Ministers the power to amalgamate local authorities. You attached a list of questions which you asked me to address.

I and my officials answered several of the questions during the meeting on 10 February. I shall not repeat myself, but refer you and your staff to the official transcripts. The attached paper presents my comments on the questions we did not reach or cover sufficiently in the meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl Sargeant". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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