Dear David and Mick,

I am writing to inform you that I have laid a supplementary legislative consent memorandum today in respect of the Trade Bill.

The UK Government tabled an amendment to the Trade Bill prior to Lords’ Report Stage on 30 November. Although neither the UK Government nor the Scottish Government considered that this required legislative consent, I have decided to err on the side of caution and lay this SLCM. I apologise for the delay in doing so.

The SLCM (Memorandum No. 3) needs of course to be read alongside the original legislative consent memorandum and SLCM (Memorandum No. 2) which relates to the data collection and sharing trade information provisions in the Trade Bill. Somewhat confusingly, these clauses were then largely replicated within the Trade (Disclosure of Information) Bill to which the Senedd gave consent on 16 December.

I am copying this letter to all Members of the Senedd for information.

Yours sincerely,

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