Dear Mick,

I am grateful for the Committee’s consideration of the Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2021 and for your report. I am writing to inform you that I have now laid the draft Order and that it will be debated on 2 February.

In response to the recommendations in your report:

Recommendation 1. The Counsel General should clarify his comments regarding the need for a further Order in Council as a consequence of the transition period.

Accepted. The Welsh Government is in discussions with the UK Government on bringing forward a further Order in Council under section 109 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 to make equivalent provision for concurrent functions under the European Union (Future Relationship) Act 2020 as that made for other EU Exit legislation in the Order on which you have reported.

Recommendation 2. The Counsel General should keep the Committee updated with developments related to concurrent and concurrent plus functions that have arisen or arise in the future, as a result of UK legislation.

Accepted. I will indeed keep the Committee updated

Yours sincerely,

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