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The Rt Hon Nadhim Zahawi MP
Secretary of State for Education

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Pwnc | Subject: Skills and Post 16 Education Bill LCM

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing on behalf of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, a cross party Committee of the Senedd Cymru. We have been referred the Skills and Post 16 Education Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum ("the LCM") for scrutiny.

We have limited time available for scrutiny of this LCM; and must report by 22 October. We would therefore appreciate a swift response to our request for information, and preferably in time for consideration at our next meeting on Thursday 7 October.

I have attached a copy of the Welsh Government's LCM for your reference. We are aware that the UK Government is only seeking the Senedd's consent for clause 14. However, the LCM is seeking the Senedd's view on three clauses (1, 4 and 14.) We have therefore considered all three clauses.

We have also written to the Minister for Education and Welsh Language on this LCM. A copy of which is attached for your reference.

Clauses 1 (Local Skills improvement plans) and 4 (interpretation)

The LCM states that the Welsh Government does not recommend that legislative consent should be given for these two clauses as they believe that this could lead to duties being placed on Welsh providers. Do you agree with this analysis?

Can you outline what discussions you, your predecessor or your officials have had with the Welsh Government in relation to these clauses, and what amendments they have sought in order to enable them to recommend that the Senedd approves legislative consent. I would also be grateful if you would confirm whether you are aware of any intention to table amendments to the Bill to reflect the Welsh Government's representations?

If you want any further information on this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,



Jayne Bryant MS
Chair

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Letter to Minister for Education and Welsh Language

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.