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Dear John,

### **Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill**

Thank you for your letter of 18 November asking for a further update on the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (SLCM) on the Leasehold Reform (Ground Rent) Bill.

In light of the comments set out in your letter, I will now look to lay an SLCM by 26 November. That SLCM will relate only to those amendments made to the Bill during its passage through the House of Lords. We propose to hold the consent debate on 14 December but appreciate this will provide only a limited scrutiny period. We will therefore ask Business Committee to consider extending the reporting deadline for the LCM laid on 26 May (and consequently the SLCM) to 9 December.

I still anticipate that the UK Government will table further amendments to the Bill ahead of Committee Stage in the House of Commons but do not yet know when that might be. It is, however, very unlikely to be before the week commencing 29 November.

I will lay another SLCM in relation to the anticipated further amendments as soon as possible after they are tabled but in the absence of a confirmed timetable I am unable to commit to any date.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am copying this letter to Huw Irranca-Davies, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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