

Mick Antoniw MS
Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

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Dear Mick

Common Frameworks

At our meeting today we formally noted your letter of 8 November informing us that a quadrilateral ministerial meeting on common frameworks would be held on 10 November.

We are grateful to you for providing us with information on who was due to attend, what the focus of the meeting would be, and a list of the draft agenda items.

While we acknowledge that you have committed to update us on the outcome of the quadrilateral meeting within two weeks of it having taken place, there are a number of questions which we would like to put to you now so that they can be addressed as soon as possible.

You will recall that I wrote to you in July to seek an update on the common frameworks programme and your letter in response of 7 September was extremely helpful to us in assessing and planning for the anticipated workload. I would again be grateful if you would provide:

1. the latest update on the common frameworks programme, including progress towards agreement on how frameworks will manage international obligations and interactions with the *UK Internal Market Act 2020* and the Northern Ireland Protocol;
2. a confirmed (or likely) date by which each provisional framework now in operation will be published, in the interests of transparency for stakeholders affected by the decisions being made on laws and policies in these areas;
3. a date by which the governments of the UK are expecting all common frameworks to have been scrutinised by their respective parliaments and subsequently finalised.



I am copying this letter to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee; the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee; and the Health and Social Care Committee.

I would welcome a response by 25 November 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair