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Vaughan Gething MS
Minister for Economy

8 February 2022

Dear Minister,

Legislative Consent Memorandum for the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill

The Committee considered the LCM for the Commercial Rent (Coronavirus) Bill at its meeting on 3 February. The Committee's report on the LCM has been [laid](#) in advance of the reporting deadline of 10 February. I write to draw your attention to further information requested by the Committee in advance of plenary debate on the LCM, as set out in paragraphs 20 and 21 of the report:

- The Committee notes that clause 27 as currently drafted creates an anomaly, given devolved powers in relation to any future closure requirements on Welsh businesses. It also notes the desire for the Bill to be amended so that Welsh Ministers must be consulted, and give consent, to any changes to be made to the moratorium period by the Secretary of State (clause 9).
- Paragraph 6 of the LCM states "It was agreed that my officials would work with UK Government on the development and passing of an England and Wales Bill". But the LCM does not provide any detail on discussions Welsh Government may be having with the UK Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy about these two clauses, or whether amendments are proposed or under consideration. It would have been helpful for the Committee's scrutiny to have more information about this, and the Committee would welcome an update from the Minister as soon as possible. It would also be helpful for Welsh Government to continue to keep Senedd Members



updated of any amendments agreed to address these issues, in advance of plenary debate on the Legislative Consent Motion associated with this Memorandum.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P'.

Paul Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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