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Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Senedd Cymru

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Dear Huw,

I would like to thank you and the Committee for your consideration of the Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Subsidy Control Bill. I welcome the continued support, provided in your conclusions for amendments to the Bill, to address our concerns.

Thank you, also, for bringing to our attention your concerns and the concerns raised by both the House of Lords DPRR Committee and the House of Lords Common Frameworks Scrutiny Committee.

With regards concerns around the relationship between the Subsidy Control Bill and common frameworks, this is a concern I share.

Prior to the implementation of the UK Internal Market Act, which specifically reserves competence in relation to subsidy control, the Welsh Government argued strongly that subsidy control was a devolved matter, and that policy should be developed collegially through a Common Framework to ensure issues such as this could be identified and addressed early on in the policy development process. However, as the UK Government disagreed that subsidy control was a devolved matter they believed it would be inappropriate to include it in the Common Frameworks Programme.

As a result of the skeletal nature of the draft Subsidy Control Bill, it is impossible to say with any certainty what the outcome would be should a conflict akin to that raised in your report occur between the Bill and Common Frameworks.

We are pressing, and will continue to press, for the UK Government to provide greater clarity on the future regime given the potential economic and societal impact of the Bill upon Wales and the wider UK.

Yours sincerely,

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