

Mick Antoniw MS

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Dear Mick

UK Government's proposed legislation for the new session

At our meeting on 16 May 2022, my Committee discussed our exchange of correspondence on 12 May and 13 May 2022 and your written statement to the Senedd regarding the UK Government's Legislative Programme.

We noted the information you set out which indicates that the UK Government had previously indicated 12 policy areas in which "legislation of particular relevance to devolved interests" may be included in its legislative programme. We also noted that, more recently, the Secretary of State for Wales said that 27 of the 38 Bills which the UK Government intends to bring forward in the Third Session of the UK Parliament are likely to extend and apply in Wales.

In my letter to you on 12 May I asked that you confirm in which Bills the Welsh Government is seeking, or may seek, provision for Wales in devolved areas. While such detail was not included in your letter of 13 May, we note that you hope to have more information on the Bills referred to in your written statement ahead of our meeting on 20 June.

You will appreciate that timely receipt of this information will help to inform the Senedd's consideration of any subsequent legislative consent memoranda, as well as specifically helping my Committee to plan its work programme. For these reasons, I would be grateful if an updated position could be shared with my Committee as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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