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Dear Elin,

We wrote to you on 1 July, regarding the [Bill of Rights Bill](#) (the Bill), which was introduced in the House of Commons on 22 June, to explain that we expected to lay a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) for this Bill but that this would be outside the normal two-week Standing Order 29 deadline.

We wrote to you again on 31 August to explain the further delay in laying this LCM, related to the complexity of the Bill and uncertainty about the UK Government's intentions and timetable. We noted then that Commons Second Reading of the Bill was scheduled for 12 September.

Following the appointment of the new Prime Minister, however, the decision was taken by the UK Government not to proceed with Second Reading in September. Moreover, there have been strong indications from the UK Government that it will not be proceeding with this Bill in its current form. It is unclear at present whether changes will be made to the Bill as introduced, or if the Bill will be withdrawn.

We are awaiting clarification from the Ministry of Justice, but do not expect this to be forthcoming in the immediate future. As such, in light of this uncertainty about the UK Government's intentions, it does not seem sensible to proceed with this LCM for the foreseeable future. To do so would be to ask the Senedd to spend time considering a legislative proposal which is not currently being taken forward, and risks being withdrawn or replaced by an alternative proposal in short order.

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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.

We will write to you again when the situation is clearer, but are providing this interim update in the meantime, since it seems possible there may be a lengthy delay.

As with the previous letters referred to above, we are copying this letter to the First Minister, the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Chair of the Cross-Party Group on Human Rights.

Yours sincerely,

	
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