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Dear Elin,

As you will be aware, at Business Committee on 4 October, the legislative consent memorandum (LCM) for the Northern Ireland Protocol Bill (“the Bill”) was referred to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, the Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee and the Economy, Trade, and Rural Affairs Committee, with a reporting deadline of 7 November. This was due to the legislative consent debate being scheduled in the Senedd for 8 November, in response to the pace with which the UK Government is seeking to move the Bill through Parliament.

At Business Committee on 18 October, I committed to providing an update if it became possible to extend the reporting period for the LCM for relevant committees.

In response to timetabling updates in the House of Lords, we now propose to hold the consent debate on 15 November. Therefore, I am able to recommend the reporting period for the LCM be extended to 14 November, the day before the rescheduled debate.

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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.

If Business Committee agrees to this extension, I hope this additional scrutiny time will be welcomed by the relevant committees. The situation with the Bill continues to evolve rapidly, and if I become aware of further material changes, I will update Business Committee at the next meeting of 8 November.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping 'L' and 'G'.

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