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Dear Huw,

I would like to thank you and the Committee members for your consideration of the first two Legislative Consent Memoranda laid before the Senedd in respect of the UK Government's Social Housing (Regulation) Bill.

I welcome the report published by the Committee on 22 November and am pleased the Committee has concluded it agrees with my assessment that the clauses and schedules listed in the memoranda fall within a purpose within the legislative competence of the Senedd.

I would like to draw the Committee's attention to the laying of the latest memorandum (Memorandum No 4) on the Bill today, which has been drafted in respect of the amendments tabled by the UK Government for consideration at House of Commons Committee stage, which took place on 29 November.

I note the Committee's conclusion on the importance of providing timely information to Members of the Senedd in relation to the legislative consent process. I recognise the importance of the Senedd's role in scrutinising legislative consent memoranda on UK Bills, and always strive to meet the normal two-week deadline as set out in Standing Order 29. I apologise for the inconvenience caused to the scrutiny Committees where this has not been possible, and have set out my reasons for the delays in each memorandum, as well as in letters to the Llywydd informing the Senedd of my intention to lay outside the normal timescale. I am pleased to note that Memorandum No 4 on the Bill, which I have laid today, does indeed comply with the normal laying deadline.

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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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Julie" and the last name "James" clearly distinguishable.

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