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Rt. Hon. Elin Jones MS
Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

12 January 2023

Dear Llywydd,

On 13 December 2022 the Business Committee agreed to refer the Legislative Consent Memorandum relating to the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill to the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee for scrutiny. The referral was made with a reporting deadline of 16 January 2023.

I write to express our Committee's significant concerns about the timescales relating to this LCM. It is unclear to us why the Memorandum, which relates to a Bill introduced to the UK Parliament in May 2022, was only laid before the Senedd on 8 December 2022, and with a reporting deadline of 16 January 2023. This timetable has rendered any meaningful scrutiny of the legislative and policy implications of the Bill for Wales impossible. As such the Committee is unable to report on this LCM.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd regarding this LCM. The Committee will be keen to see the Minister's response and would like to request a copy once it is received.

Kind regards,

Paul Davie



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