

Paul Davies MS
Chair, Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

8 March 2023

**The Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding)
Bill.**

Dear Paul,

At its meeting on 28 February, the Business Committee considered and noted a letter from the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd regarding the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill.

I enclose our letter and the Minister's response for your information.

Kind regards,



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

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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Thank you for your letter of 11 January regarding the laying of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Genetic Technology (Precision Breeding) Bill.

I regret the Senedd has not had longer to consider the Bill. The UK Government chose not to work with Devolved Governments when developing this legislation, which had immediate implications for our ability to commence our own analysis of its effects. Further, the complex nature of the Bill required very detailed review, which inevitably took time to work through. I am nevertheless aware of the real difficulties these delays have placed on Senedd scrutiny time; they have been highlighted to UK Government in turn.

We remain committed to laying LCMs in a timely fashion and to ensuring the Senedd is given as much opportunity for scrutiny as possible. However, late engagement from UK Government can bring extreme pressures to this process, as seen on numerous Bills. We will continue to raise with UK Government the importance of better engagement and highlight that they must accommodate Senedd processes in their Bill timetabling considerations.

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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.