Llywodraeth Cymru Welsh Government

Huw Irranca-Davies MS Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee Senedd Cymru <u>SeneddLJC@senedd.wales</u>

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Dear Huw

I refer to my letter to you of 9 August 2023. I am writing to inform the Committee I have given my consent to the Minister of State to lay the draft Windsor Framework (Enforcement etc.) Regulations 2023 in relation to Wales. I have laid a Written Statement which can be found at: <u>https://senedd.wales/media/v5mbbgyy/ws-ld16013-e.pdf</u>.

The Regulations intersect with devolved policy and will apply to Wales. Certain aspects of the Regulations could be made by Welsh Ministers in exercise of our own powers. The Regulations extend to Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. The Statutory Instrument (SI) is subject to the affirmative procedure and was laid before Parliament on 4 September 2023 with a commencement date of 1 October 2023.

Although the Welsh Government's general principle is that the law relating to devolved matters should be made and amended in Wales, on this occasion, it is considered appropriate for the Regulations to apply to Wales as there is no policy divergence between the Welsh and UK Government in this matter. This ensures a coherent and consistent statute book with the legislative provision being accessible in a single instrument. I consider that legislating separately for Wales would be neither the most appropriate way to give effect to the necessary changes nor a prudent use of Welsh Government resources given other important priorities.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

I have written similarly to Llyr Gruffydd MS, the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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