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Dear Elin

The UK Government introduced the Renters (Reform) Bill into Parliament on 17 May 2023. No Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) was required at that time.

As previously advised, my officials have been working with UK Government counterparts to extend blanket ban “No benefit claimant” and “No children” provisions into Wales. The amendments which seek to introduce the ban on these practices into England and Wales were laid on 15 November. I submitted a LCM to cover the amendments at Committee Stage on 30 January.

On 18 April, UK Government published 250 Report Stage amendments which further affect the blanket ban provisions in Wales. There are also amendments that we are aware of to the Housing Act 2004 which deal with superior landlords in Houses in Multiple Occupation in Wales. There are also amendments to paragraph 10, Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1996 for which we believe that we will require legislative consent.

Unfortunately, we will be unable to consider all 250 amendments that the Government tabled within the standard timeframe, but I will endeavour to lay a supplementary LCM with all of the amendments that we have already identified as affecting Wales as soon as possible. This will likely be beyond the 2-week Standing Order 29 deadline, however, will hopefully be submitted in time for the Business Committee to consider at its meeting on 14 May.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Sarah Murphy MS and the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee, John Griffiths MS.

Yours sincerely

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