

Jane Hutt MS

Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

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Dear Jane,

The Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill

At our meeting on 2 June 2025, the Committee considered the Welsh Government's Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No. 3) on the Public Authorities (Fraud, Error and Recovery) Bill (Memorandum No. 3).

In the Committee's first report on the Memorandum and Memorandum No. 2 (laid on 1 May 2025) the Committee said it was not persuaded by your reasoning as to why the Welsh Government did not consider that all clauses in Part 1 of the Bill contain provision that have regards to devolved matters, given that the Minister for the Cabinet Office is able to exercise any of the powers in Part 1 on behalf of a Devolved Welsh Authority. The Committee also said that it did not consider the response it had received from you on this issue to be helpful.

We await your response to recommendation 1 in our first report, which asked you to provide clarity and detailed reasoning as to why the Welsh Government does not consider that the Senedd's consent should be sought for the entirety of Part 1 of the Bill. We would welcome an urgent response to the matter we raise in that recommendation.

Our intention is to report to the Senedd on Memorandum No. 3 in advance of the reporting deadline set by the Business Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

