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William Powell AM
Chair Petition's Committee
National Assembly for Wales
T Hywel
Cardiff Bay

11 March 2013

Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 6 February, requesting further clarification to my response to your letter of 22 October 2012 regarding a petition submitted by Gethin Sugar, calling for a new Welsh language law to cover the private sector.

You asked whether the Welsh Government would be able to bring forward such legislation, in terms of legislative competence. The National Assembly for Wales's legislative competence is set out in section 108 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006. A detailed consideration of the provisions proposed to be contained in any such Bill would need to be undertaken to determine whether the legislation would be within the competence of the National Assembly. This would be a matter for the Presiding Officer to confirm as part of her duties under section 110(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

Whilst I am unable to advise on issues of legislative competence of the National Assembly, as I stated in my original response the Welsh Government has no plans to introduce primary legislation with regard to the Welsh language as we are currently implementing the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leighton Andrews". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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