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Dear Llywydd,

The UK Government introduced the Representation of the People Bill into the House of Commons on 12 February 2026.

The breadth and complexity of the Bill is considerable, and it contains 81 clauses and 11 schedules which span a wide range of electoral matters, many of which are technical in nature. My officials are working through the provisions of the Bill, and our initial analysis is that the Bill makes relevant provision for the purposes of Standing Order 29 and will therefore require a Legislative Consent Memorandum to be laid. Although we had productive engagement with the UK Government and have had the opportunity to feed into the development of the legislation before the Bill was published, the size and complexity of the Bill, and its continuing evolution up until introduction, have posed a challenge in carrying out our analysis.

Whilst the Legislative Consent Memorandum will be laid as soon as possible, due to the scale and complexity of the Bill, this will be outside the normal two-week Standing Order 29 deadline. We aim to lay the Legislative Consent Memorandum before the dissolution of the Senedd under the expectation that a further Legislative Consent Memorandum will need to be laid after the election so that the consent implications may be considered by the next Senedd.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, and to the Local Government and Housing Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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