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Dear Committee Chair

Implementation of the Wales Act 2017

Thank you for the consideration by your Committee of the Secretary of State for Wales' consultation on the above.

Please find attached my response to the Secretary of State for Wales. In light of comments received from the Finance Committee and discussions with Welsh Government officials, I have suggested changing the day on which the reserved powers model will come into effect from 6 April 2018 to 1 April 2018, to coincide with the date on which the new devolved taxes will come on stream. The Secretary of State for Wales will specify the Principal Appointed Day in Regulations.

I will keep you informed of any further correspondence from the Secretary of State for Wales on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Alun

Thank you for your letter dated 10 July proposing 6 April 2018 as the Principal Appointed Day on which the reserved powers model for Wales will come into effect.

I have considered the proposals you put forward, and consulted the Assembly's committees. On this basis, I agree with you that the new arrangements should come into effect in April 2018 on the same date as the new devolved taxes take effect - the Land Transaction Tax and Landfill Disposals Tax. I am advised that this will happen on 1 April 2018. I would therefore suggest that the PAD should be 1 April 2018. This would mean that the reserved powers model would come into effect on Easter Sunday.

You also indicated in your letter that your officials were considering whether the two year parliamentary session would give rise to any implications for the Legislative Consent Motions which might be required. I look forward to receiving this further information in due course.

Yours sincerely

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