

Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM  
First Minister

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Dear First Minister

I am writing in relation to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's inquiry on 'A Stronger Voice for Wales'. I am very grateful for the evidence you provided in relation to this inquiry. We are currently in the stages of drafting our report and aim to publish this over the next few weeks.

One area of interest in considering the effectiveness of intergovernmental relations is the mechanisms that support this, and in particular the Joint Ministerial Committee (JMC). We are aware of a recently established written agreement between the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Government. The Written Agreement represents the agreed position on the information the Scottish Government will, where appropriate, provide the Scottish Parliament. One specific outcome from this is following every meeting of the JMC, the Scottish First Minister will write to the Scottish Parliament's Finance and Constitution Committee to report on the outcomes of the meeting, along with any actions for the Scottish Government and a copy of the Joint Communique. This agreement is something we will be considering carefully as part of our report.

I would be grateful if you were able to provide us with your thoughts on how JMCs are functioning generally post the Wales Act 2017. I would also be interested to know how you feel the meeting is evolving, if at all, as we move deeper into negotiations around the UK exiting the European Union.

I'm certain your insight will prove very useful and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Chair

