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Dear David

I am writing in response to your letter of 23 March about scrutiny arrangements for the delegated powers set out in the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill.

Your letter refers to the Secretary of State for Wales's letter to the Llywydd of 16 March and to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's recent report about the scrutiny of regulations made under the Bill.

I enclose a copy of the Leader of the House and Chief Whip's letter to the chair of CLAC, dated 27 March, which explains the Welsh Government's position in relation to each of its recommendations.

You also ask about our position in respect of the enhanced explanatory information, which the Bill requires must accompany regulations laid before Parliament under the delegated powers contained in the Bill.

CLAC did not make recommendations in respect of this information so it is not covered in our response to its report. However, I can confirm the Welsh Government's position is that the information envisaged to be included in the statements is material we would expect to provide in any event and we therefore see no particular need to extend to Welsh Ministers the requirement to produce explanatory material in respect of regulations laid before the National Assembly.

I am copying this letter to the Llywydd and to the chair of CLAC.

Yours sincerely

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