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Our ref: EJ/CW

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Dear Mick

Further to the letter from the Secretary of State for Wales dated 3 June about the European Union (Withdrawal) Bill and related matters, I thought it would be helpful to clarify how the Assembly Commission has been and will be involved.

The Secretary of State reports that his department “consulted” officials in the Assembly Commission on the new Devolution Guidance Note 18. It should be noted that these discussions have been on an understanding that further revisions to DGN 18 would be required later this year to take account of EU withdrawal.

I authorise Assembly Commission officials to work on a confidential basis to advise stakeholders, including the Wales Office, on technical matters relating to the operation of the devolution settlement, in the spirit of offering expertise and assistance and achieving a shared understanding. This does not imply any political or indeed official endorsement of the DGN by the Assembly or any constituent part of it.

Yours sincerely

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