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Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Mick Antoniw AM  
Chair, Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee  
National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Mick

I appeared before your committee on 11 June to give evidence about operational matters in relation to the powers in the EU (Withdrawal) Act to make subordinate legislation. I understand you are preparing your report for publication and wished to provide you with a point of clarification.

I was asked about the powers UK Ministers have to make regulations in devolved areas. I wish to make clear, that in the extraordinary circumstances of the UK leaving the EU, it is the case that the Welsh Government is willing to allow UK Ministers to make uncontroversial, technical correcting regulations in devolved areas under the Bill, with the consent of Welsh Ministers.

As the First Minister set out to the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee on 15 May, the capacity of both the UK Government and UK Parliament is much greater than our own. Unless there is a political or policy reason why we should make separate corrections on a Wales-only basis, much of the technical corrections to England and Wales or UK legislation may be made by the UK Government with our consent.

Yours sincerely

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