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Dear Carwyn,

Legislation (Wales) Bill

The Legislation (Wales) Bill was introduced in the National Assembly on Monday. Our officials have been discussing the Bill in draft in recent months.

I recognise of course that it is for the National Assembly to determine the content and interpretation of legislation within its legislative competence. But the UK Government is concerned that some of the provisions in the Bill, as introduced, raise questions relating to the devolution boundary. The Bill also has implications for the clarity and accessibility of Parliamentary legislation given that Parliamentary Acts and Statutory Instruments made under them are within its scope.

I would like our officials to continue to discuss the content of the Bill and to seek a mutually agreeable solution that respects the Welsh devolution settlement fully. In parallel, the Bill will be subject to competence analysis by my Office's legal team in the usual way.

I am copying this letter to the Solicitor General in the UK Government and the Counsel General in the Welsh Government.



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