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RE: EU (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill: Revision of EU law during the implementation period

Dear Mr Rees,

Thank you for your letter, of 8 January, regarding scrutiny of European Union (EU) legislation during the transition period. The Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee is responsible for the operation of subsidiarity procedures within the Scottish Parliament.

The Committee recognises that the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Bill does not contain equivalent provisions for scrutiny of EU legislation, during the transition period, by devolved legislatures. Given that EU legislation will continue to apply to devolved competences during the transition period the Committee considers it essential that this scrutiny role is not diminished during the transition period. Accordingly, the Committee fully supports the amendments that your Committee has proposed to the Bill.

Yours Sincerely,

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