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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) BILL

On 18 October 2019, I submitted, for your consideration, the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill, so as to determine whether it is within the competence of the National Assembly.

There are provisions within the Bill, which require the consent of the relevant Ministers of the Crown under Schedule 7B to the Government of Wales Act 2006. These relate to the functions of electoral registration officers and the removal of the Welsh Ministers' powers to make regulations enabling a local authority to make an application to a magistrates' court to have a council tax debtor imprisoned. At the time of submission, these consents had not been received.

The Secretary of State for Wales has now written to the Minister for Housing and Local Government providing consent in respect of the provisions removing the Welsh Ministers' powers to make regulations enabling a local authority to make an application to a magistrates' court to have a council tax debtor imprisoned.

In addition, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (Amendment) Order 2019, made by the Privy Council at its 17 December meeting, has removed the competence issue in respect of the functions of electoral registration officers.

*In gywir,
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