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Dear Karolina

Questionnaire on the Role of Regional Parliaments in the Early Warning System

I refer to your e-mail enclosing a questionnaire about the National Assembly for Wales's experience so far in relation to the "Early Warning System" (EWS) mechanism introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon.

Responsibility for European Union matters within the Assembly is now a mainstream responsibility of all Assembly Committees, in relation to their particular remits. However, the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee, which I chair has particular responsibility for considering questions of subsidiarity within the EWS.

I attach a factual narrative response to the questionnaire, which I hope you find helpful.

You also asked if I could suggest contacts in the UK who deal with subsidiarity analyses. I assume by this you mean in the UK Parliament and devolved legislatures. The following contacts may be able to help you or be able to direct you to others who can:

- Scottish Parliament - Jenny Goldsmith
(email Jenny.Goldsmith@scottish.parliament.uk)
- UK Parliament - Dominique Garcia
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- Northern Ireland Assembly - Hugh Farren
(email hugh.farren@niassembly.gov.uk)

Our own European Officer Gregg Jones may also be able to give you more detailed information. Gregg can be contacted by e-mail at gregg.jones@wales.gov.uk or by telephone (in Brussels) on 0032 2226 6692.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Melding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

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Chair