Dear John,

Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill

I wrote on 7 February 2020 to the First Minister to confirm my view that, in accordance with section 110(3) of the Government of Wales Act 2006, the Renting Homes (Amendment) (Wales) Bill, would be within the legislative competence of the Assembly.

However, this conclusion was qualified on the basis that the Bill engages with Article 1 of Protocol 1 (Protection of Property) of the European Convention on Human Rights. In considering the legislative competence of the Bill, I came to the assessment that while it engages Article 1 of Protocol 1 it does not breach it.

I feel it is appropriate to share this with you, so as to recognise and facilitate the role of Assembly Members on your Committee in scrutinising the Bill.

The lawyer and Clerk supporting the Committee in that scrutiny will be able to provide more detailed information on the issues. I am writing in similar terms to Mick Antoniw, as Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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