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Mick Antoniw AM
Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
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Dear Mick,

I am writing to update you on the Welsh Government's progress with securing competence for a vacant land tax in Wales. Official level discussions have now concluded, and it was agreed at a recent Joint Exchequer Committee that Welsh Government proposals are sufficiently developed to move to the next stage of the agreed process – a formal request to the UK Government for devolution of the legislative competence in this area.

I have now submitted this request. If agreed by the UK Government, the next step will be for the UK Government to consult on the constitutional implications of devolving this competence to Wales. I will provide a further update on plans for a UK consultation in due course.

Any policy proposals for the introduction of a new tax will be developed once the necessary competence has been devolved, and will be driven by further evidence-gathering and extensive stakeholder engagement. In addition, before any legislation is prepared in this area, a full Welsh Government public consultation and Regulatory Impact Assessment would be carried out

Yours sincerely,



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