

The Rt Hon. the Baroness Taylor of Bolton
Chair, Constitution Committee
House of Lords

7 October 2021

Dear Lady Taylor

Consideration of Welsh Government Legislative Consent Memoranda for UK Government Bills

May I start by thanking you again for the productive meeting we had in August regarding our respective roles and Committees' responsibilities and interests.

In August, I briefly outlined the already large number of Welsh Government Legislative Consent Memoranda for UK Government Bills that had been laid before the Senedd for scrutiny since the Senedd election in May. One of our standing responsibilities is to consider each Memorandum before drawing matters to the attention of the Senedd ahead of a debate and vote on whether or not legislative consent should be granted to the relevant provisions in the Bill.

In the past two weeks we have laid reports on three of these Memoranda, relating to the Environment Bill, Professional Qualifications Bill and Armed Forces Bill. Each report highlights issues which may be of interest to your Committee within the context of your inquiry into the Future Governance of the UK.

To date, the Welsh Government has laid legislative consent memoranda in relation to 14 UK Government Bills, and has expressed concerns with more than half of those Bills. We will report on each of the memoranda in due course, and would be happy to share them with you as and when we believe there may be issues relevant to your work.



We look forward to meeting with you and other Committee members later this month when you are in Cardiff as part of your inquiry into the Future Governance of the UK and I hope that this marks the start of a productive working relationship during the course of the Sixth Senedd.

I also copy this letter to Mr William Wragg MP, Chair of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, and to The Rt Hon. the Lord Blencathra, Chair of the Delegated Powers and Regulatory Reform Committee, as the issues raised in our reports may also be of interest.

Please get in touch with me or the Committee Clerks if you would like to discuss further or if we can be of any future assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Huw Irranca-Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal stroke.

Huw Irranca-Davies

Chair

Enclosed: Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee Reports on - The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Environment Bill; The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Professional Qualifications Bill; The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Armed Forces Bill

