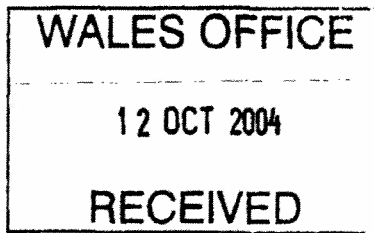


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Dear Peter

I write to advise you that on 6 October the Assembly adopted the following motion:

"The National Assembly for Wales, having considered the Report of the Richard Commission, calls on the First Minister to urge the Secretary of State for Wales to bring forward proposals to amend the Government of Wales Act for the following purposes:

- (a) to effect a formal separation between the executive and legislative branches of the Assembly;
- (b) to reform existing electoral arrangements in order to eliminate anomalies;
- (c) to enhance the legislative powers of the Assembly."

I would therefore be grateful if you would consider with your colleagues how to give effect to this resolution in a way that meets the Assembly's aspirations. Assembly Government officials stand ready to provide any assistance the Wales Office may require in taking this matter forward. You may consider the advantages of following previous practice in preparing and managing Wales-only legislation for Parliamentary passage by our Assembly Government officials working with yours in accordance with agreements made under section 41 of the Government of Wales Act. I would be glad to know if you would like that kind of arrangement to operate in this case.

I am placing a copy of this letter in the Assembly Library.

Yours
Rhodri



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Report of the Richard Commission

Thank you for your letter of 11 October, asking me to consider the Assembly's resolution to bring forward proposals to amend the Government of Wales Act 1998.

I welcome the terms of the resolution and will consult my colleagues. I also welcome your suggestion of Assembly officials preparing Wales-only legislation for Parliamentary passage in accordance with agreements made under section 41 of the Government of Wales Act. My officials will be in touch with yours about the details of this.

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