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Legislation (Wales) Bill

Thank you for your letter of 17 July 2019 to Attorney General in relation to the Legislation (Wales) Bill.

I can confirm that I do not intend to make a reference to the Supreme Court in relation to the Bill under section 112 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

My decision not to refer the Bill should not be taken as an indication of the UK government's position regarding legislative competence. You will be aware of the correspondence between my predecessor and the Counsel General Designate on this matter. I have considered the arguments made on legislative competence in Counsel General's letters of 26 June and 24 July and I disagree with the conclusions reached therein.

I have written in similar terms to the Counsel General and enclose a copy of my letter to him.

Yours Sincerely,

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