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Daw Mick.

UK Internal Market Bill

Thank you for the letter of 18 September regarding application of the Sewel Convention to the UK Internal Market Bill.

The Government remains fully committed to the convention on legislative consent. As you note, the Bill's explanatory notes state clearly that we are seeking consent in relation to all parts of the Bill. In line with usual practice the UK government ministers responsible for the Bill wrote to the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales ahead of the Bill's introduction to set this position out in detail and ask that he begin the process for seeking the Senedd's consent.

We are working closely with the Welsh Government as the Bill progresses through Parliament to understand and respond to the concerns outlined in the legislative consent memorandum published on 25 September. It is very much the Government's intention that this work will result in a recommendation that the Senedd supports the Bill.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, the Minister of State for the Constitution and Devolution, the Minister for Small Business, Consumers and Labour Markets, the Chairs of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee, Finance and Constitution Committee, Committee for the Executive Office, the Welsh Affairs Committee, the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee, and the Lords Constitution Committee.

Yn eiddo -



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