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Dear Huw,

I am writing to inform you the UK Government tabled its final amendments on 22 February 2022 regarding the Policing, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill (the Bill). The Bill will return to the House of Commons for consideration of final amendments stage on 28 February.

Some of the amendments tabled will require a Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No 5) (SLCM) which I will lay on or before 28 February subject to full analysis of the provisions. The SLCM will also address any relevant amendments agreed by the House of Lords on 17 January.

I will be seeking to hold a further Senedd debate on 1 March, which will once again ask the Senedd to debate and vote on legislative consent in respect of the Bill. If the debate is scheduled, I will again be recommending consent be given to some amendments and the withholding of consent to others. Therefore I intend to lay two motions for debate once the SLCM has been laid.

Given the timing of the amendments and the stage at which the Bill is at, which are outside of our direct control, it is not possible to provide the Senedd with sufficient time for scrutiny. However, it is important for the Senedd to have the opportunity to have a final say on what continues to be a long and complex piece of legislation with significant impacts for Wales.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

My officials will continue to liaise with the UK Government regarding the Bill, and I will keep you updated as appropriate.

This letter is being copied to Jenny Rathbone MS, Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke above the first letter "J".

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