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Dear Rachel,

Thank you for your letter of 17 May, in relation to the introduction to Parliament of the Renters (Reform) Bill.

Your letter outlines the areas where the Bill has an effect on Wales, and your view that the consent of the Senedd is required for the changes it makes to Part 7 of the Housing Act 1996. On face value it does appear that the saving by SI 2015/1272 of the homelessness regime outlined in Part 7 could mean that the Renters (Reform) Bill proposes provision within the legislative competence of the Senedd, and I am grateful to you for drawing this to my attention. However, more detailed consideration by my officials has concluded that, in particular as a consequence of the implementation of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 on 1 December 2022, which abolished assured tenancies in Wales, this is not the case.

I trust that you will accept my analysis of the devolved competence in this area, and that you will therefore update your Bill materials to reflect our revised position on this point.

Yours sincerely

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