

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee
Inquiry into Wales' Role in the EU Decision Making Process
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Dear Mr Williams,

Inquiry into Wales' role in the EU decision-making process

I write in response to the above inquiry.

In 2008 we submitted evidence to the Subordinate Legislation Committee's inquiry into the scrutiny of subordinate legislation and delegated powers. The report of the inquiry published in May 2009 stated at paragraph 5.24:

The Law Society [in their written evidence] stressed the importance of the Welsh Assembly Government and the Assembly engaging early with the European Union law making process to ensure the interests of Wales are taken into account.

The role of the government and the legislature in EU law-making is not clear and we welcome this inquiry in order to understand the level of engagement and influence of Wales. A transparent process of engagement is necessary to allow effective scrutiny.

The Law Society will follow the progress of the inquiry with interest.

Yours sincerely,

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