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Chair
Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay
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Dear

David,

**GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE (WALES)
BILL**

I agreed at my appearance before the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee on 29 September to provide the Committee with a copy of the Secretary of State for Wales' letter granting the requested Minister of the Crown consents in respect of the Gender-based Violence, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Bill.

As I explained at Committee the Bill was redrafted prior to introduction to exclude reference to Minister of the Crown functions whilst Secretary of State consent was being sought. I now intend to table a Government amendment at Stage 2 to amend section 4(4) to remove reference to the exclusion of Minister of the Crown functions.

I am copying this letter to Christine Chapman, Chair of the Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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