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Dear William,

Thank you your letter of 16 November and for the Enterprise and Business Committee's consideration of the draft Wales Bill.

The draft Wales Bill, published in October for pre-legislative scrutiny, is a significant step for Wales and one which provides a firm basis for a stronger, lasting Welsh devolution settlement.

I am grateful for your Committee's consideration of the draft Bill, and the new reserved powers model, in respect of the Assembly's powers within your remit. The UK and Welsh Governments are holding frequent discussions on the draft Bill, including the proposed Schedule of reservations. Many of the issues your Committee has raised have also been raised by the Welsh Government in those discussions.

I am open to ideas on how the draft Bill can be modified and improved, and I will consider carefully the recommendations made by the Welsh Affairs Select Committee and the Assembly's Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee with this in mind. The issues you raise in Annex A to your letter will be considered in detail as part of this process.

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