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**INTIMATION OF BILL PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES
Trade Union (Wales) Bill**

I am writing in response to your letter of 19 July in which you informed me that the Trade Union (Wales) Bill was passed by the Assembly on 18 July.

You asked me to confirm if I intended to make an order under section 114 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 which would prevent the Bill from being submitted for approval by Her Majesty in Council. I can confirm that I do not intend to exercise this power.

I would however reiterate the UK Government's belief that the safeguards in the Trade Union Act 2016 should apply across Great Britain. The Wales Act 2017 clarifies that industrial relations are a reserved matter and the UK Government will act at the next available opportunity, following commencement of the Wales Act, to ensure the legislation protects our public services.

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