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Y Llywydd
Chair, Business Committee

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Annwyl Elin,

Legislative consent memoranda

You will be aware that the Local Government and Housing Committee is currently considering legislative consent memoranda (LCMs) in relation to two Bills: the Social Housing (Regulation) Bill and the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill. We have already considered three other LCMs, as well as a number of supplementary LCMs, during the Sixth Senedd. Whereas our predecessor committee considered a total of six LCMs during the entirety of the Fifth Senedd. As a result, the Committee agreed that I should write to you to raise our concerns at the increased use of UK Bills and the legislative consent convention to legislate in devolved areas, rather than via Senedd legislation. I have previously raised the Committee's concerns to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Welsh Government.

Primary legislation brought forward by Welsh Government allows for full scrutiny by the Senedd.

As Members of the Senedd, it is our responsibility to ensure that all primary legislation relating to devolved areas is thoroughly scrutinised and tested with stakeholders to ensure it meet the needs of the people of Wales. We strongly believe that the short amount of time allocated to the legislative consent process is insufficient to enable us to fully understand the impact of provisions on the lives of people in Wales. We are concerned that legislating in this way could disadvantage people in Wales as they have fewer opportunities to feed their views to those making the legislation and we do not have sufficient time to consult Welsh stakeholders on the provisions.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely



John Griffiths MS

Chair, Local Government and Housing Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



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