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Dear Elin,

[Bill of Rights Bill](#) (“the Bill”) and laying of a Legislative Consent Memorandum

We sincerely apologise for the delay in correspondence in what have proved to be a set of unusual and exceptional circumstances. We had previously written to you in 2022 on several occasions, the last correspondence dated 22 September, when it first became apparent that the Bill had been paused, by the UK Government.

In December, we met with Lord Bellamy who is the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Justice. At the time, he suggested that the UK Government would be proceeding with the Bill in its current form as soon as Parliamentary time allows. However, you will know that the Bill has still not had any of its parliamentary stages. In February, a letter was issued seeking clarification about any progress on the Bill, and we still await a reply.

It may be the case that the Bill has been indefinitely paused for a variety of reasons. If the Bill does progress to second reading at what is likely to be short notice – we will lay a Legislative Consent Memorandum at the earliest opportunity. However, given the uncertainty and unusual circumstances surrounding this Bill it does not seem sensible to proceed with the LC Memorandum for the foreseeable future.

As with previous correspondence, we are copying this letter to the First Minister, the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, the Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Chair of the Cross-Party Group on Human Rights.

Yours sincerely

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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