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Dear Elin

The UK Government introduced the Renters (Reform) Bill into Parliament on 17 May 2023. No Legislative Consent Memorandum was required at that time.

UK Government have been working on amendments to the Bill which will end the practice of landlords and agents arbitrarily applying “No DSS” and “No children” in respect of rental properties to tenants and prospective tenants. My officials have been working with UK Government counterparts to extend these provisions into Wales.

The amendments which seek to introduce the ban on these practices into England and Wales were laid on 15 November. Legal analysis of the clauses pertaining to the ban have been completed, but these provisions were part of 182 amendments to the Bill. Some of the amendments could potentially require further legislative consent, and although legal analysis of the further amendments has begun, it is not going to be completed in time to meet the normal two-week Standing Order 29 deadline. I will endeavour to lay the Legislative Consent Memorandum as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Huw Irranca-Davies MS and the Chair of the Local Government and Housing Committee, John Griffiths MS.

Yours sincerely

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