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Legislation and Justice Committee - 26 February 2024

Dear Huw,

At the Legislation and Justice Committee on 26 February I promised to update you on the UK Government's review of the Common Frameworks programme and provide clarification of the role of the IGR Secretariat.

UK Government review of Common Frameworks

The UK Government has undertaken a review of the Common Frameworks programme which is expected to be issued before the summer recess, but we do not yet have a date for publication.

IGR Secretariat

To clarify the latest position with the staffing of the IGR Secretariat, I can confirm the Head of the Secretariat is in post on loan from the Welsh Government for a two-year period and was appointed following a fair and open competition across all governments. The Scottish Government has assigned a member of staff to the IGR Secretariat. Welsh Government is in the process of recruiting an additional member of staff that will also be assigned to the IGR Secretariat. We aim to fill this post as quickly as possible.

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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.

The responsibility for Intergovernmental Relations rests with each government who remain accountable to their respective legislatures. However, the function and role of the IGR Secretariat is outlined on a dedicated [webpage](#), hosted on the UK Government Website.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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