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Dear Llywydd

The UK Government introduced the Tobacco and Vapes Bill (the Bill) to the House of Commons on 20 March 2024.

The Bill is jointly supported by the four UK Governments and deals with matters of public health in relation to tobacco and vape devices control. It is expected the Bill is largely to be within the Senedd's legislative competence. The rapid development of the Bill, and the complexity and breadth of the provisions has meant that it has not been possible for my officials to complete the detailed analysis required within the normal two week deadline set out in Standing Orders. I am committed to ensuring that the Senedd is able to fully consider this important public health legislation and I intend to lay a Legislative Consent Memorandum in early May.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General designate, the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, the Minister for Mental Health and Early Years, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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