Dear Ms Clancy,

Local Government (Wales) Bill passed by the National Assembly for Wales on 6 October 2015

Thank you for your letter of 21 October 2015 reminding me of my power under section 112 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 to refer the question of whether an Assembly Bill, or any provision of a Bill, would be within the Assembly’s legislative competence to the Supreme Court for decision.

I am of the view that none of the provisions in the Local Government (Wales) Bill are outside the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales and, therefore, I do not intend to make a reference.

Yours sincerely,

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17th November 2015