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Mick Antoni
Chair
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Dear Mick

Reciprocal Guidance on Devolution Guidance Note 18

Thank you for your letter of 11 July asking about the Reciprocal Guidance referred to in paragraph 20 of the Concordat between the Welsh Government and the Ministry of Justice.

The Welsh Government's Reciprocal Guidance is due to be revised to take account of the new reserved powers model of devolution put in place under the Wales Act 2017 in the same way as the new UK Government Devolution Guidance Note has been updated. It will provide advice and guidance to Welsh Government officials in the same way as the UK Government's Devolution Guidance Note does for UK officials.

The Guidance will continue to focus on the efficient and effective handling of legislation and how the Welsh and UK Governments will work together where we both have an interest. The same principles of early consultation on legislative proposals which might impact on each other's policy or practical responsibilities will continue to be relevant between the Welsh and UK Governments in the revised Guidance.

We expect the Reciprocal Guidance to continue to cover both Assembly and Parliamentary bills and the means by which the Assembly's competence and the Welsh Ministers' executive powers can be modified.

As before, it should be read in conjunction with the Memorandum of Understanding between the UK Government and Devolved Administrations.

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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.

Drafting of the revised Guidance will begin during summer recess and a final version should be available in the new Assembly term. A copy of the final Reciprocal Guidance can be provided to the Committee in due course.

Yours

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alun Davies', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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