

Lord Boswell of Aynho
Chairman
European Union Committee
House of Lords

11 February 2019

Dear Lord Boswell

Post-Brexit UK-EU interinstitutional relations, and the role of the devolved institutions

Thank you for your letter of 25 January 2019.

We have set our views on some of the issues posed in your questions in our report, *UK governance post-Brexit*, which we published in February last year and is enclosed.

Two of our nine recommendations set out, for example, how we believe the Joint Ministerial Committee should be reformed in the short and long term.

We also recommended that the National Assembly's Llywydd seeks to establish, with the other Speakers and Presiding Officers of UK legislatures, a Speakers' Conference. The aim of the Conference would be to determine how best to develop UK interparliamentary working (particularly as a means of scrutinising the impact of withdrawal from the European Union on the constitutional framework of the UK) and also to assess the state of inter-governmental relations, with a view to helping building consensus on reform.

In order to assist the Llywydd with taking this idea forward, we recently commissioned Sir Paul Silk to consider how the Speakers' conference might operate in practice and a copy of his report is also enclosed.

We have also entered into an agreement with the Welsh Government to support



our scrutiny of its intergovernmental activity and this is due to be debated in a plenary session of the National Assembly in March. The agreement stems from a recommendation in *UK governance post-Brexit* and is also enclosed.

I hope this information helps with your inquiry.

I am copying this letter to David Rees AM, Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee in the National Assembly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mick Antoniw

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

