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INTIMATION OF BILL PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY FOR WALES Legislation (Wales) Bill

I am writing in response to your letter of 17 July in which you informed me that the Legislation (Wales) Bill was passed by the Assembly on 16 July.

You asked me to confirm if I intended to make an order under section 114 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 which would prevent the Bill from being submitted for approval by Her Majesty in Council. I can confirm that I do not intend to exercise this power.

I note the decision of the Attorney General not to exercise his power under section 112 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 to refer the Bill to the Supreme Court. However, as the Solicitor General set out in his letter dated 6 August to the Counsel General, the decision not to refer the Bill should not be taken as an indication of the Government's view regarding legislative competence.

Rt Hon Alun Cairns MP

Secretary of State for Wales Ysgrifennydd Gwladol Cymru