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Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd

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Dear Trefnydd,

On 28 September, the Senedd debated and passed the Legislative Consent Motion in relation to the UK Environment Bill. The motion included consideration of clause 56 and schedule 9 to provide the Welsh Ministers with powers to charge for single use plastic items.

I have requested, and the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has agreed, to introduce an amendment, within the current legislative process, to clause 56 and schedule 9 of the Environment Bill in respect of powers to charge for single use plastic items. The amendment will ensure Welsh Ministers will have the same powers as the Secretary of State, to charge for all single use items, regardless of their material.

This amendment would make provision in relation to Wales for a purpose within the legislative competence of the Senedd. I would ordinarily lay a Supplementary Memorandum but unfortunately as the Bill is now in the consideration of amendments stage and the Committees and Senedd are in recess this week, there is not enough time to facilitate a Senedd debate ahead of the Bill receiving Royal Assent. I am therefore writing to inform you of the change in this area.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Climate Change, Economy and Infrastructure Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James".

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