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Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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Dear Huw,

Further to my letter of 8 November, I am writing in accordance with the Inter-institutional Relations Agreement to update you on the outcome of the Quadrilateral Ministerial meeting on Common Frameworks that took place on 10 November.

Agreement was reached on all the outstanding cross-cutting issues, namely a process for exclusions under the United Kingdom Internal Market Act in cases of proposed divergence, and on wording regarding International Relations and the Northern Ireland Protocol. In respect of the exclusions process, all discussions, negotiations and decisions were taken by the Welsh Government without prejudice to the ongoing judicial review in relation to the Internal Market Act.

In addition, all parties committed to future reporting on the frameworks as part of the process for the oversight of the frameworks within the Intergovernmental Relations Review. This process will also provide assurance to Senedd committees that they will be able to monitor the progress of the frameworks over the longer term. I have asked my officials to produce a paper by the end of this year, to be agreed by Ministers of the four governments, outlining an approach to reporting on Common Frameworks.

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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.

I will issue a Written Statement providing an update on the Common Frameworks programme in the first half of December ahead of the majority of frameworks being published for scrutiny.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature, there is a short horizontal line.

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