

Jeremy Miles MS
Minister for Education and Welsh Language

4 October 2022

Dear Jeremy

Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Schools Bill

At our meeting of 26 September we considered the Legislation Consent Memorandum you laid on 7 July in respect of the Schools Bill, and the letter you sent to the Llywydd on 19 July in respect of the Memorandum.

We would be grateful if you could clarify two matters which arose during our consideration.

1. In your letter, you referred to the legislative competence analysis the Welsh Government is undertaking in relation to the Bill as it progresses through the UK Parliament. Could you confirm if this analysis has been completed in relation to the to the Bill as amended? If so, what was the outcome of this analysis?
2. Clause 52(2) of the Bill provides the Secretary of State with a regulation-making power to make provision that is consequential on the Bill. This power could be used to amend law that applies in Wales, and there is no requirement in the Bill for the UK Government to consult or obtain the consent of the Welsh Government or the Senedd before making such amendments. Do you have any concerns regarding this clause? If so, what steps do you intend to take to resolve those concerns?

I would be grateful to receive your response to these questions by 3 November 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair



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