

Jeremy Miles MS

Minister for Education and Welsh Language

3 October 2022

## **Schools Bill**

Dear Jeremy,

The Business Committee referred the Legislative Consent Motion (LCM) on the Schools Bill to the Children, Young People and Education Committee and the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee. We considered the LCM during our meeting on 21 September.

I would be grateful if you could provide us with some more information about the School Bill to inform our discussions:

1. In your letter to the Llywydd dated 19 July 2022, you stated that you were in the process of carrying out a legislative competence analysis in relation to the Bill as it progresses. Please could you provide us with any updates on your findings?
2. Clause 52(2) of the Bill contains a power for the UK Government to make regulations containing amendments that are consequential on the provisions of the Bill. This power could be used to make regulations containing consequential provisions that apply in Wales and there is nothing in the Bill which would require the UK Government to consult or obtain the consent of the Welsh Government or the Senedd before exercising this power. Do you have any concerns about clause 52(2), and if so what steps do you intend to take to mitigate your concerns?

We also understand that the next meeting of the UK Education Ministers Council will be hosted by the Welsh Government. Please can you set out when that meeting is scheduled to be held, and whether you intend to raise the Schools Bill – including any concerns that you have about the impact of the Bill on devolved Welsh powers – during that meeting?



Our reporting deadline for the Schools Bill LCM is currently 1 December. I would therefore appreciate your response no later than 10 November to enable us to consider your response at our meeting on 17 November and draft our report on the LCM before the reporting deadline.

I have copied this letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Huw Irranca-Davies MS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jayne Bryant". The script is cursive and fluid.

Jayne Bryant MS

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

