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Dear John,

At its meeting on 5 December, Business Committee discussed a proposal from the Welsh Government not to refer the supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) on the Financial Guidance and Claims Bill to a committee for scrutiny in advance of a proposed Plenary debate date of 9 January. As your Committee reported on the original LCM for this Bill, and would be the Committee to which this supplementary LCM would be referred, Business Committee agreed to consult you on this approach.

This proposal was based on information received from the UK Government about the likely timetable for the passage of the Bill through the House of Commons (having already been through the House of Lords) which in the Governments' view would not allow time for committee scrutiny. (The Welsh Government has previously given a commitment to Business Committee that it will aim to allow for 6 sitting weeks for scrutiny of LCMs.)

Clerks informed Business Committee that their understanding following discussions with the House of Commons Public Bill Office is that there may in fact be time for committee scrutiny as the Second Reading is unlikely to happen until after Christmas, after which there will be Committee Stage and Report Stage, and the Bill may be delayed as further changes are anticipated.

It would be helpful for Business Committee if you could indicate whether the Committee would be able to complete its scrutiny in a short timeframe if time was available. If time is not available for this scrutiny, Business Committee will consider whether a longer than usual Plenary debate to be held on it.

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I would be grateful if you could discuss this with your Committee and respond to me by 8 December so that Business Committee can take into account your views in making a final decision at its meeting on 12 December.

Yours sincerely,

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