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Dear colleague,

As you are aware, it is my intention to test the Wales Act 2014 mechanism by seeking the devolution of competence for a vacant land tax. Ahead of the amended Standing Order 27 process for the scrutiny of section 116C Orders, the Welsh Government has committed to keep the Assembly informed of progress.

My officials are commencing discussions with UK Government officials on a draft Order in Council to give legal effect to the transfer of competence. Once these discussions progress to a Joint Exchequer Committee meeting I will brief you on the latest position, in line with the commitments I have made.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Mark".

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