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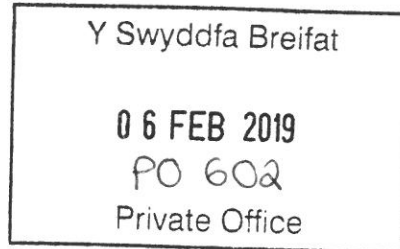
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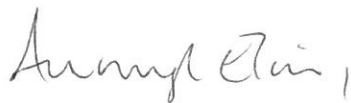
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I am writing with regard to the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Bill which you intend to introduce into the Assembly shortly. I note in particular the amendments proposed to section 1(1) of the Government of Wales Act 2006 to change the name of the Assembly to Senedd Cymru. It was of course the Government's clear intention when devolving powers through the Wales Act 2017 that the Assembly should be able to decide for itself what it is to be called and I welcome the approach you have taken to engaging on this matter.

I note your intention to change the term "Assembly" to "Parliament", which is something I support. I am advised the Assembly does not have legislative competence under paragraph 7(2) of Schedule 7B to the Government of Wales Act 2006 to make this change. However, the Assembly plans to use its powers to make consequential or incidental provision set out in paragraph 7(4) of this Schedule.

In this case, I support the change on the basis it can be argued that it is incidental to the Assembly's change of name rather than consequential and would be grateful if you could confirm whether you share this view.

I trust that careful consideration will continue to be given to the use of such powers in future and their use on this occasion does not set a precedent in this regard.

I am copying this letter to the First Minister and to party leaders in the Assembly.

In daiffrwyd,
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