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Dear Mick,

I wish to draw your committee's attention to an updated version of the *Legislation Handbook on Assembly Bills* that has been published on the Welsh Government's website. This latest version reflects changes to the devolution settlement as a result of the Wales Act 2017 coming into force, and other relevant developments such as the government's commitments in its response to the Finance Committee's report on the financial estimates accompanying legislation.

This replaces the previous version of the handbook that my predecessor published in August 2017. The Welsh Government committed to publish the handbook, once it had been updated for the Fifth Assembly, in response to the recommendations of your predecessor committee's report, *Making Laws in Wales*. The handbook is internal guidance for the Welsh Government Civil Service and covers the processes and procedures involved in preparing primary legislation, as well as supporting Ministers to take it through the National Assembly for Wales.

I am copying this letter to the Llywydd and a copy of the updated handbook will be placed in the library.

Best wishes,
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