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Dear Elin,

**Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill passed by the Senedd on 28 January 2020**

Thank you for your letter of **29 January 2020** reminding me of my power under section 112 of the Government of Wales Act 2006 to refer the question of whether a Senedd Bill, or any provision of a Bill, would be within the Senedd's legislative competence to the Supreme Court for decision.

I am of the view that none of the provisions in the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Bill are outside the legislative competence of the Senedd and, therefore, I do not intend to make a reference.

Yours sincerely,



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