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Dear Jayne and Huw,

Thank you both for your letters of 3 and 4 October 2022 respectively regarding both the Legislative Consent Memorandum I laid on the Schools Bill (the Bill) on 7 July and my letter to the Llywydd of 19 July. As you will be aware, whilst House of Lords Report Stage concluded on 18 July, the Bill is yet to proceed to Lords Third Reading. My officials are seeking clarification as to whether the Bill will be progressing given the appointment of the new Prime Minister. I will write to you as soon as there is some more information. In the meantime, I will respond to your queries seeking clarity on the following issues:

Legislative Competence Analysis

I can assure you that we have assessed the Bill as amended at Lords Report stage and published on 18 July and conclude that there are no changes which require a further LCM to be laid.

Clause 52 (2) - *The transitional, saving and consequential Provisions*

I am confident that the provision is narrowly framed (in consequence of the Bill) and will not, in my view, enable UK Government Ministers to make any substantive changes to devolved legislation.

UK Education Ministers Council meeting

Jayne, you specifically asked about when this meeting will take place. It is anticipated that the next UK Education Ministers council meeting will take place on 9 December 2022 and will be hosted by the Welsh Government. At this stage, I do not foresee the need to raise the Bill, but I await clarification on whether the Bill will be progressing through Parliament.

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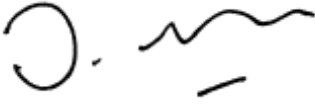
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large 'J' followed by a series of loops and a horizontal line.

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Gweinidog y Gymraeg ac Addysg

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