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Dear Llywydd,

### **Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill**

The Economic Activity of Public Bodies (Overseas Matters) Bill (“the Bill”) was introduced to the House of Commons and given its First Reading on Monday 19 June 2023. The Bill makes provision to prevent public bodies from being influenced by political or moral disapproval of foreign states when taking certain economic decisions, subject to certain exceptions; and for connected purposes.

In the normal course of proceedings, a Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) would be laid in the Senedd within the normal two-week deadline following introduction. However, given the broad coverage of this Bill, and to ensure Committees have a comprehensive LCM for consideration, we will not be able to produce the LCM within this timescale. We will, however, ensure an LCM is laid as soon as possible.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution, Mick Antoniw MS, the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, Lesley Griffiths MS, and the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Huw Irranca-Davies MS.

Yours sincerely,

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