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Dear Mick

General Scrutiny Session – 26 February 2024

Thank you for agreeing to attend our meeting on Monday 26 February 2024 for the purpose of a general scrutiny session.

In addition to the matters referred to in our letter of 13 December 2023, we thought it would be helpful to let you know that we would like to explore the implications for Wales of the UK Government's recently published Command Paper, Safeguarding the Union. In particular, we are likely to want to cover the impacts of the proposals on:

- existing constitutional structures established to manage alignment and divergence in the UK after Brexit such as common frameworks and reformed intergovernmental structures;
- the role devolved governments will have in the new structures established to manage GB-NI relations;
- the application of the *United Kingdom Internal Market Act 2020*;
- the law-making process in the Senedd and the exercise by the Welsh Ministers of delegated powers in devolved areas.

In addition, we would like to understand the Welsh Government's perspective of the timeframe for implementing the package of reforms proposed and the extent to which any regulatory changes will apply to devolved powers, governments, and public bodies.

I hope this additional information is helpful and we look forward to the session on 26 February.

Yours sincerely,

Huw Irranca-Davies

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