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Rt Hon Eluned Morgan MS

First Minister of Wales

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Dear Eluned,

Legislation (Procedure, Publication and Repeals) (Wales) Bill

You will recall that I wrote to you on 11 February 2025 in respect of the above Bill.

Within my letter, which followed the completion of evidence-taking by committees at Stage 1, I advised you of my decision that a financial resolution was not required for the Bill.

I also highlighted that, should the Bill proceed to the amending stages, the requirements of Standing Order 26.72 will apply. You will be aware that this Standing Order provides that where the effect of an amendment (or amendments) to a Bill, if agreed to, would be that the Bill would require a financial resolution which it would not otherwise require, no proceedings may be taken on the amendment (or amendments) unless the Senedd has agreed to a motion for such a financial resolution.

I note that the deadline for tabling amendments to the Bill at Stage 2 has now passed. Having considered all amendments tabled, I have determined that amendment 34, tabled by Adam Price MS on 21 March 2025, is relevant for the purposes of Standing Order 26.72. According to its explanatory text, this amendment establishes the King's Printer for Wales as an office in its own right, but provides that the office is to be held by the King's Printer for Acts of Parliament.

In my view, there is uncertainty as to whether the effect of amendment 34, if agreed to, would be that the Bill would require a financial resolution which it would not otherwise require. For this reason, and to ensure that the Senedd has expressly authorised any significant expenditure that may arise should this amendment to the Bill be agreed, I consider that the

Senedd must first agree a motion for a financial resolution for this Bill in order for proceedings to be taken on this amendment at Stage 2.

I note that Stage 2 proceedings in Committee are due to take place on 31 March 2025. In order for amendment 34 to be considered during these proceedings, a motion to agree a financial resolution will therefore need to be tabled for consideration in Plenary today, 25 March 2025, or tomorrow, 26 March 2025. You will also be aware that a motion to suspend Standing Orders will also be required to enable a motion to agree a financial resolution to be considered on these dates.

I am copying this letter to Adam Price MS, to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Mike Hedges MS, and to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery, Julie James MS.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elin Jones'.

The Rt. Hon. Elin Jones MS/AS

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