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Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill LCM

Dear Jane and Vikki,

As you will know, the Business Committee has referred the Border Security, Asylum and Immigration Bill Legislative Consent Memorandum (LCM) to the Children, Young People and Education Committee and the Equality and Social Justice Committee with a reporting deadline of 2 May 2025.

We are writing to you jointly on certain issues relating to the LCM:

1. What are your views on clause 38 and whether there are any concerns about the remaining provisions set out in the Illegal Migration Act 2023 and elements of the Nationality and Borders Act 2022?
2. What are your views on the retrospective nature of clause 51?
3. What discussions have you had with the 17 organisations in Wales with active membership of the UK ENIC Service?
4. Have you sought any clarification about how the issues addressed in clause 51 arose in the first place and whether the Home Office is conducting a review of the situation?
5. Have you received an estimate for the volume and value of fees charged without statutory authority and the impact this has had on people living in Wales?

6. Why are you not seeking consent for clause 53 of the Bill? Clause 53 contains a regulation making power for the Secretary of State to make consequential provision. These regulations may amend, repeal or revoke any enactment. Clause 53(3)(c) states that "enactment" includes an enactment contained in, or in an instrument made under, a Measure or Act of Senedd Cymru. We would be grateful if you could provide a response no later Friday 28 March. If you have any concerns with this timetable please don't hesitate to contact our clerks at any time.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair
Children, Young People and Education
Committee



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Chair
Equality and Social Justice Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

