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Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill LCM

Dear Lynne,

As you will know, the Business Committee referred the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill LCM to us, along with the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, with a reporting deadline of 11 July 2025.

To help with our consideration of this LCM, we would appreciate if you could respond to the following questions by Thursday 12 June:

1. Annex A to the Explanatory Notes as updated in March 2025, indicates that the UK Government believes Senedd legislative consent is needed for a number of clauses, including the current clause 35 and Schedule 2 (previously clause 30 and Schedule 1 using the numbering in the LCM), but no detailed reference is made in the LCM to these. Can you clarify if you agree with the UK Government that Senedd consent is required for these provisions?
2. The current clause 63 (previously clause 57 using the numbering in the LCM) provides the Secretary of State with the power to make consequential provisions in relation to the Bill, including a Henry VIII power to amend, repeal, revoke legislation, including an Act or Measure of the Senedd. We note that the LCM does not make reference to this provision needing consent, whilst the most recent Explanatory

Notes indicate that the UK Government does not consider that this provision requires consent. Please can you clarify whether you believe this clause requires Senedd consent?

3. The current clause 66 (previously clause 60 using the numbering in the LCM) provides Welsh Ministers with the power to make regulations to commence to clauses 30-35 and Schedule 2 (previously clauses 25-30 and Schedule 1 using the numbering in the LCM). We note that the LCM does not make reference to this provision needing consent, whilst the most recent Explanatory Notes indicate that the UK Government does not believe that consent is required. Please can you clarify whether you think this clause requires Senedd consent?

If you envisage any problems with the deadline for responding, please let the Committee Clerk know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.