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Dear Mike,

I am writing further to your letter of 19 May 2025 regarding the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill.

Our assessment of the Bill in line with the test in Standing Order 29 of the Senedd's Standing Orders (SO29) concluded that the consent of Senedd Cymru is required in respect of clauses 37, 39, 45, 47, 50 and 54. We concluded that the test in SO29 was not met in respect of the other clauses raised in your letter. We are unable to disclose the details of our assessment as to do so would waive legal professional privilege.

This Bill seeks to allow adults who are terminally ill, subject to safeguards and protections, to request and be provided with assistance to end their own life. The primary mechanism through which the Bill achieves this is via amendments to the Suicide Act 1961, which concerns the criminal law restriction on the Senedd's legislative competence in Schedule 7B to the Government of Wales Act 2006.

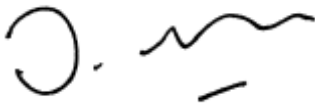
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The Welsh Ministers have a discretionary power under clause 42 of the Bill (previously clause 39) to make provision by regulations about voluntary assisted dying services in Wales within devolved areas. Should the power be exercised, the regulations would set out any devolved delivery arrangements for the provision of assistance to a person to end their own life. In the Legislative Consent Memorandum, it was stated that the consent of Senedd Cymru is required in respect of that clause. A draft of the regulations would also need to be laid before, and approved by a resolution of, Senedd Cymru.

Yours sincerely,



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