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Dear Mike,

I am writing in response to your letter of 9 May drawing my attention to the Committee's report on the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill ("UK Bus Bill").

Thank you to the Committee for the report and your consideration of the LCM and of the wider potential implications of the UK Bill on our own Bus Services (Wales) Bill.

You have drawn my attention specifically to recommendation 2 of your report –

*Recommendation 2. The First Minister should ensure that the Welsh Government undertakes the assessment of whether a Bill introduced to the UK Parliament has regards to devolved matters and therefore whether or not it engages Standing Order 29, rather than relying on an analysis of legislative competence carried out by the UK Government.*

I agree with the Committee's recommendation. To reassure the Committee, the Welsh Government always undertakes its own thorough assessments of whether Parliamentary Bills engage Standing Order 29. In relation to the UK Bus Bill, I refer you to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales's response to the Committee's report.

I am confident that a comprehensive competence assessment of the provisions was conducted in this case, as it is in relation to every Parliamentary Bill.

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