

Huw Irranca-Davies MS

Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and
Rural Affairs

30 July 2025

Dear Huw

Legislative Consent Memoranda in the final terms of the Sixth Senedd

At our meeting on 7 July 2025, the Committee looked ahead to its business in the final two terms of the Sixth Senedd. In particular, this consideration included the scheduling of work related to the scrutiny of Bills introduced or soon to be introduced to the Senedd.

In our discussions, we were also mindful of the volume of legislative consent memoranda that have been laid in the Sixth Senedd to date.

We recognise that, while you do not always receive advance notice of the UK Government's intention to legislate in devolved areas, there has been collaboration on some UK Government Bills in the Sixth Senedd, for example the Mental Health Bill.

We have noted that, in its most recent report on the implementation of Law Commission proposals, the Welsh Government said at paragraph 13:

"The UK Government has announced an intention to bring forward further draft legislation and enact further Law Commission recommendations relating to enfranchisement, right to manage and commonhold recommendations, in late 2025. We are working together with UK Government to ensure that these important further reforms will also be applied to Wales."

This would appear to suggest that a UK Government Bill may make provision on issues that have regard to devolved matters.

We also noted that some UK Government Bills arising from the last King's Speech have yet to be introduced, and we do not yet know if they will make provision that has regard to devolved matters. The date of the next King's Speech is also yet to be announced.

We further noted that you were due to discuss the UK Government's Legislative Programme at a meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Standing Committee on 26 June 2025, and the Committee will consider your subsequent Written Statement on the outcomes at our meeting on 15 September 2025.

In order to assist with our forward work planning it would be helpful if you could provide information about any UK Government Bills that have yet to be introduced to the UK Parliament which you anticipate may engage Standing Order 29, such that a legislative consent memorandum will be required. In providing this information, it would also be helpful if you could identify any UK Government Bills that the Welsh Government is currently collaborating on or where there is an expectation that such collaboration will take place.

We would be grateful to receive this information by Wednesday 10 September 2025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Mike Hedges

Chair