

Jane Hutt MS
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip

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Dear Jane

Crime and Policing Bill

At its meeting on Monday 22 September 2025, the Committee considered the supplementary legislative consent memorandum (Memorandum No. 2) which you laid in respect of the Crime and Policing Bill on 2 July 2025.

To help inform its scrutiny, the Committee would be grateful to receive further information in respect of some matters emanating from its consideration. These matters are set out in the annex to this letter.

I would be grateful to receive a response from you by Monday 27 October 2025.

Yours sincerely,



Mike Hedges
Chair

Annex

1. As you state in the supplementary legislative consent memorandum, following official engagement, you are now satisfied with the approach taken by the UK Government in respect of the Bill's I-LEAP provisions (clauses 127 to 129 in the version of the Bill as introduced). Please provide further information as to:
 - a. why you were unable to recommend that the Senedd consents to these provisions at the time of laying the first legislative consent memorandum;
 - b. the discussions held with the UK Government during the engagement that followed the laying of the first legislative consent memorandum; and
 - c. why you are now satisfied with the approach taken by the UK Government.
2. You also state that the approach taken is a departure from the Welsh Government's usual principles as regards concurrent powers. Please explain why you deem this departure to be appropriate.
3. In the same context, you state in the supplementary legislative consent memorandum that you recognise the UK's legitimate positions as regards international obligations. Please clarify the intended meaning of this statement given that, in the first legislative consent memorandum, you acknowledge that observing and implementing international obligations is not a reserved matter.
4. The Welsh Government's principles (referenced above) state that in the exceptional cases in which the Welsh Ministers agree to the creation of concurrent powers, such powers should be subject to relevant consent mechanisms. Please confirm whether or not such mechanisms were sought, and if not, why not.

