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Dear Buffy,

I would like to thank you, and the members of the Children, Young People and Education Committee, for considering the first three Legislative Consent Memoranda laid in respect of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.

The accompanying response notes the Committee's recommendation as set out in the report published on 19th September 2025.

I have sent a copy of the response to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, for information only.

Once again, I thank the Committee for the time taken to consider the Memoranda.

Yours sincerely,

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The Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill

Response to the Children, Young People and Education Committee Report

30/10/2025

In September 2025, the Children, Young People and Education Committee submitted its report on the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memoranda for the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill. The report included one recommendation, which is addressed in this response.

1. Introduction

The Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill ("the Bill") was introduced in the House of Commons on 17 December 2024. Amendments to the Bill to include Wales in certain provisions were introduced at report stage in the House of Commons on 10 March 2025. In accordance with Standing Order 29, a Legislative Consent Memorandum ("LCM") in respect of the amendments was laid on 24 March. The LCM made reference to the children not in school and social services provisions and sought the Senedd's Consent for these to apply to Wales.

Two supplementary LCM were laid on 28 May and 12 June, to include further amendments tabled by the UK Government, to include Wales in provisions relating to child employment, and to include aspects from the children not in school provisions that were omitted from the first LCM.

The Children, Young People and Education Committee published its report on the three LCM relating to the Bill on 19 September.

2. Response to the recommendation

Recommendation 1. The Senedd should grant consent for Clauses 11, 20, 25-30 and Schedule 1 (as set out in the LCM); clause 26 (as set out in SLCM No 2); clauses 35, 63 and 66 (as set out in SLCM No 3) of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.

Welsh Government Response: No response required.