

Lord Stirrup  
Chair, European Affairs Committee  
House of Lords

1 April 2026

Dear Lord Stirrup,

## **Dynamic alignment**

Thank you for your invitation to submit evidence to your inquiry in this area, in your letter of 20 March 2026.

Given the time constraints facing our Committee as the Senedd approaches dissolution ahead of the forthcoming election, we have been unable to provide a more substantive response to your call for evidence.

Dynamic alignment has formed a key part of the work of Senedd committees during the Sixth Senedd. You may be aware that since 2021, the Senedd has both granted and withheld consent to UK Bills, subsequently enacted, that provide mechanisms for EU alignment and divergence, such as the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill and the Product Regulation and Metrology Bill. Current UK-EU negotiations are also expected to result in agreements in devolved areas of competence which have important implications for Wales, including a Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) agreement, an Emissions Trading System (ETS) linking agreement and the UK's participation in the EU's single electricity market.

It is therefore unfortunate that, in the short time available to us, we have only been able to collate work that is relevant to your Committee's inquiry. I have included below a list of inquiries and



reports from our Committee, as well as from other Senedd committees which provide a valuable devolved perspective:

#### Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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- [Legacy report](#) (2026)
- [UK-EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement](#) (2025)
- [Legislative Consent: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill](#) (2024-25) (two reports)
- [Legislative Consent: Retained EU Law \(Revocation and Reform\) Bill](#) (2022) (three reports and one letter to the Welsh Government in lieu of a fourth report)

#### Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

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- [Legacy report](#) (in particular, paragraphs 53 to 55) (2026)
- [UK-EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement](#) (2025)
- [Legislative Consent: Product Regulation and Metrology Bill](#) (in particular, this [report](#)) (2025)
- [Border Target Operating Model: A view from Wales](#) (2024)

#### Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee

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- [UK-EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement](#) (2025)

#### Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, & International Relations Committee

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- [Legacy report](#) (in particular, paragraphs 34 to 36) (2026)
- [UK-EU implementation review of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement](#) (2025)
- [Culture shock: Culture and the new relationship with the European Union](#) (2024)

In particular, you will note that our Committee's Legacy Report concludes that a "successor committee should prioritise reviewing developments in the area of UK-EU obligations as soon as possible after its establishment" and that it should "should build on the relationships developed with EU institutions and organisations in the Sixth Senedd to ensure that its UK-EU work continues to be robust and influential". It's to be noted that similar sentiments have been expressed in the legacy reports of the other Committees listed above.

Accordingly, we hope that our successor Committee will continue to engage with you on these issues, following the election. We therefore would ask that you engage with our successor Committee following the election.

I have copied this response to the Chairs of the other Senedd committees mentioned in this response.

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