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Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter regarding the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee's consideration of the EU (Withdrawal) Bill. As you are aware, the chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee has also written to me in similar terms.

I brought both letters to the attention of the Business Committee at its meeting of 26 September. The committee unanimously agreed with your assertion that that the National Assembly should be responsible for determining the procedure to be applied to the making of subordinate legislation by the Welsh Ministers under the Bill, and would be supportive of any moves to amend the Bill accordingly.

Business Managers also noted the chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee's view that it is possible that the Assembly will need to contemplate some administrative and procedural changes to ensure appropriate scrutiny of the subordinate legislation that eventually flows from powers proposed in the Bill. Business Managers welcomed the intention to consider this issue in greater detail, and look forward to receiving your conclusions and recommendations in due course. The Committee believes that in determining the appropriate procedure it will be important to be mindful of the practicalities and capacity of the Assembly, given the anticipated volume of subordinate legislation flowing from the EUW Bill, while at the same time ensuring that appropriate scrutiny can take place.

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I look forward to continuing to work with you on these issues over the coming period.

Yours sincerely

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Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee