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Chair, External Affairs and Additional Legislation  
Committee

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Dear David

**Inter-Institutional relations agreement between the National Assembly for Wales and the Welsh Government**

Thank you for your letter of 20 July 2018 regarding your inquiry 'EU law in Wales: What happens during the Brexit transition?'.

You will be aware that, following our inquiry into **UK Governance post-Brexit**, the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee has been leading on work to develop the arrangements that will be needed to enable the National Assembly to oversee inter-governmental actions, including those that will flow from the UK's exit from the European Union.

The Inter-Institutional relations Agreement will seek to ensure that the principles of the Welsh Government's accountability to the National Assembly for Wales, and transparency with regard to these relationships, are built into any revised inter-governmental mechanisms.

The Agreement will apply to the participation of Welsh Ministers in formal, intergovernmental structures. It is intended to support the National Assembly's capacity to scrutinise Welsh Government activity and to hold Welsh Ministers to account in the intergovernmental arena.

Through the Agreement, the Welsh Government will be providing to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee and other relevant committees of the National Assembly, as far as practicable, advance written notice at least one month prior to scheduled relevant meetings, or in the case of meetings with



less than one month's notice, as soon as possible after meetings are scheduled. This will enable the Committee(s) to express a view on the topic and, if appropriate, to invite the Minister responsible to attend a committee meeting in advance of the intergovernmental meeting.

At our meeting on 24 September, the Committee agreed that the draft version of the Agreement should be shared with you for information (see enclosed). We anticipate formal agreement will be reached very shortly. I then intend to draw the Agreement to the attention of all Assembly Members during a Plenary debate.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Mick Antoniw', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Mick Antoniw AM**

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.  
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

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