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Dear Huw,

Thank you for your letter of 13 December in relation to House of Lords procedures in respect of the laying of Welsh language statutory instruments.

I can confirm that no procedural barriers exist in the House of Lords that would prevent the laying of a statutory instrument before the House in the form of two distinct texts in English and Welsh, where both texts have equal status in law. Your letter indicated that you were writing in similar terms to the Chair of the House of Commons Procedure Committee and I understand that she has received similar advice from her officials.

I note that you also wrote on this matter to the Chair of the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee and the Chair of the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments. I am therefore copying my letter to the Chairs of those Committees, as well as to the Chair of the House of Commons Procedure Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Lord Gardiner of Kimble

Chair, House of Lords Procedure and Privileges Committee