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Dear Ms Clancy,

**Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill**

Thank you for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> July.

I have carefully considered the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill and have had the benefit of a conversation with the Counsel General. I am not convinced that the Bill is within the National Assembly's competence and I have therefore decided to refer it to the Supreme Court. The full papers will be served shortly by the Treasury Solicitor's Department.

I hope that this reference will give us clarity in respect of important questions about the breadth of the National Assembly's competence.

I have separately written to the Counsel General to confirm my intentions. A copy of this letter goes to the Presiding Officer and to the Secretary of State for Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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the Law Officers)*

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(Agreed by the Attorney General and signed in his absence)