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Dear Ms Clancy,

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill

Thank you for your letter of 19th March 2014.

I have considered the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Bill and have decided not to refer the Bill to the Supreme Court.

The UK Government has expressed concerns about the legislative competence of various provisions in the Bill. The Bill contains significant powers to make secondary legislation and the analysis of the devolution position is dependent on the detail of that secondary legislation.

I understand that Wales Office officials and officials in the Counsel General's office have already discussed the desirability of the draft secondary legislation being shared with the Wales Office at the earliest opportunity so that any devolution issues it raises can be resolved as quickly as possible. I hope that sharing of drafts will take place to ensure that the devolution position can be resolved before the secondary legislation comes into force.

I am copying this letter to the Counsel General and the Secretary of State for Wales.

Yours sincerely

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