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In July 2009, Professor Rod Morgan was commissioned by the Welsh Assembly Government to prepare a report on the risks and benefits of devolving youth justice to Wales. After extensive interviews with key stakeholders, Professor Morgan submitted his report earlier this year for consideration by Welsh Assembly Government Ministers. I know that the report has been the subject of considerable interest from Assembly Members and that extensive reference was made to it in the report of the Communities and Culture Committee into youth justice in February this year and subsequently in the plenary debate concerning the report which took place at the end of June.

I have arranged for Professor Morgan's report to be published on the Welsh Assembly Government internet site today. It has been agreed that the Welsh Assembly Government will further examine the principles and financial implications of the recommendations relating to the devolution of youth justice. This work is on-going and will involve discussions with the UK Government. Assembly Members will be kept informed of developments.