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Llyr Gruffydd MS Chair Climate Change Environment & Infrastructure Committee Senedd Cymru SeneddClimate@senedd.wales

Dear Llyr

I am writing to respond formally to your Committee's report¹ on the Legislative Consent Memorandum and Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum No. 2 re: the Automated Vehicles Bill, published April 2024.

I am grateful for the Committee's consideration given to these matters and note the Report's conclusion below:

"We note the Welsh Government's reasons for making the provisions for Wales in the Bill. In this instance, we found no reason to object to the Senedd consenting to clauses 82 to 85, 87 to 90, 97 of, and Schedule 6 to the Bill. In relation to clause 40, we expect the Minister to provide an update on discussions with the UK Government before tabling the Legislative Consent Motion associated with the LCM."

Welsh Government Response: Accept.

Financial implications – None.

You will be aware that I laid a further Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum No. 3 (SLCM3) over Easter Recess addressing the amendments to clause 40 and clause 93 of the Automated Vehicles Bill.

https://senedd.cymru/media/yuxhgwv3/cr-ld16438-w.pdf

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¹ cr-ld16438-e.pdf (senedd.wales)

I am pleased to note that the Senedd subsequently approved the related Legislative Consent Motion following a plenary debate on the 23 April 2024. The Bill has now completed its passage through the House of Lords and House of Commons and is currently awaiting Royal Assent.

May I take this opportunity once again to thank you and your Committee for its diligent work regarding the Legislative Consent Memoranda relating to the Automated Vehicles Bill.

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