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Dear Huw,

Thank you for your letter of 12 May and the work the Legislation, Justice and Constitution (LJC) Committee has undertaken to produce the report on cross-cutting issues affecting the Common Frameworks programme.

Common Frameworks have the potential to be enduring, flexible and increasingly significant governance mechanisms for the policy areas previously governed by EU law. They can help facilitate policy alignment and manage regulatory divergence amongst the four governments. Effective monitoring of long-term and emerging programme-level issues affecting the programme is integral to ensuring that Common Frameworks become a model for good intergovernmental collaboration.

In February, I chaired the Interministerial Standing Committee meeting where Ministers (and the Head of the Northern Ireland Civil Service) agreed on the importance of continuing to review emerging issues affecting frameworks. Officials are closely monitoring, and trying to mitigate, the impact of any issues affecting the programme and will continue to report back to the IMSC. At the February meeting, the IMSC also agreed to a model for future reporting to committees of legislatures following finalisation of the frameworks.

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, I am not able to respond formally to committee recommendations until scrutiny has been completed by all four UK legislatures. This position has been adopted by the four UK governments. It accords with the spirit of four-nation working and the consensus that embodies the Common Frameworks programme. I will write to you again once the recommendations have been received from all

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

UK legislatures and the four governments have reached agreement on the changes to be made to the frameworks in response to these.

I would like to reiterate my thanks to the Committee for its continued role in providing oversight of the Common Frameworks. I look forward to the debate on frameworks on 12 July.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

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