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| **TITLE**  | **Professional Qualifications Bill** |
| **DATE**  | **08 March 2022** |
| **BY** | **Jeremy Miles MS, Minister for Education and Welsh Language** |

This written statement updates members on recent developments on the UK Government Professional Qualifications Bill.

On 22 February the UK Government tabled two amendments to the Professional Qualifications Bill at Report Stage in the House of Commons. The amendments can be found at [professional\_rm\_rep\_0222.fm (parliament.uk)](https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/bills/cbill/58-02/0231/amend/professional_rm_rep_0222.pdf).

The UK Government intends to hold House of Commons Report Stage imminently. This unfortunately leaves no opportunity for the Senedd to consider the amendments before Report Stage is completed. This also means the UK Government are proceeding with the Bill without securing legislative consent from the Senedd, or indeed any of the Devolved Governments. This is wholly unacceptable and an action which breaches the Sewel convention. Although the ‘carve out’ amendment is welcome, the tabled amendments do not fully address my concerns.

In accordance with Standing Order 29 I will lay a further Supplementary Legislative Consent Memorandum (Memorandum No 3) before the Senedd.