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Mervyn, a chairde,

Legislative Consent Motions

Thank you for your letter of 21 September 2021 which underlined the inadequacy of the timeframe provided for in Standing Orders for Committees to consider provisions which deal with a devolution matter and report to the Assembly, when dealing with LCMs.

At its meeting on 29 September 2021, the Committee agreed that I should write to inform you that this issue is being considered as part of its ongoing Inquiry into LCMs. The Committee also agreed to ask whether a representative (Member or official) from the Justice Committee might consider providing oral evidence to the Inquiry on the particular challenges the Committee has experienced when considering and reporting on LCMs.

I have asked my committee officials to liaise with your officials to discuss whether an oral evidence session could be scheduled as well as writing separately to the other Statutory Committees to check whether they have experienced similar issues over the last year and whether they would be willing to provide updated evidence to the Inquiry.

Is mise le meas,

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