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Scrutiny of Legislation following the 2007 Elections to the National Assembly

Thank you for your letter of 5 April 2006.

I consider that detailed scrutiny of Welsh Assembly Government legislation and National Assembly legislation after the coming into force of the relevant parts of the Government of Wales Bill will be appropriate. I would suggest that Bills are referred to specific Bill Committees made up according to Party balance within the Assembly for detailed scrutiny.

With regard to scrutiny of proposed Westminster and European legislation relevant to Wales, I would think that some procedure similar to that that exists now with reference to the Legislation Committee is appropriate.

Through all this clearly we are going to be spread very thinly in terms of the massive work load that this will represent compared to the number of Assembly Members.

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