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Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

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Annwyl Llywydd,

EU law in Wales: What happens during the Brexit transition?

Since the start of June, the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee has been considering the arrangements that need to be made in Wales, and the Assembly in particular, to prepare for the Brexit transition period.

This has been, in the large part, as exercise in determining what we can reasonably anticipate in terms of how EU law will operate during the transition period, as we await further details of the UK Government's proposals.

The evidence we received has been published and is available from our website.

At this point in time, we are marshalling our consideration of the transition period into three areas:

- The legal mechanism for maintaining EU law during the transition period;
- The Assembly's role in scrutinising draft EU law during the transition period; and
- The inter-governmental routes available to the Welsh Government to make representations in relation to EU law during transition.

We have written to the Welsh and UK Governments, principally in relation to the first and third areas.



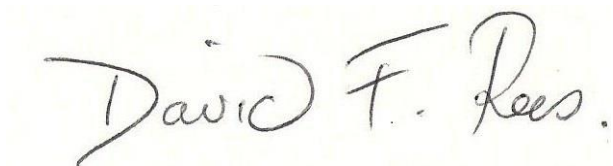
We have written to committees in both Houses of Parliament in relation to the second area, given the current link between the Assembly's formal scrutiny arrangements and those of the UK Parliament (through the subsidiarity monitoring mechanism).

I enclose copies of this correspondence.

We are continuing with our work in this area and plan to offer a view in the autumn on the procedural changes that will be necessary. We hope that our work will assist the Business Committee and, ultimately, the Assembly when it comes to determining the changes that are needed to prepare for the Brexit transition.

I will write to you again in the autumn.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

David Rees AM, Chair of the External Affairs and Additional Legislation Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

