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DRAFT WALES BILL

I enclose a copy of the Draft Wales Bill Command Paper. This draft Bill sets out in detail how the UK Government plans to deliver the St David's Day commitments to create a stronger, clearer and fairer devolution settlement for Wales that will stand the test of time.

The draft Bill includes a reserved powers model, forming the basis of a new devolution settlement for Wales and providing a clear boundary between reserved and devolved powers. It also devolves further powers to the National Assembly over energy, transport and local government and Assembly elections.

I look forward to giving evidence to the Committee next month.

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