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Thank you for your letter dated 24th June, inviting me to meet the Interim Committee on Constitutional and Legislative Affairs to discuss the justice elements of the Wales Bill.

As you will be aware, the Wales Bill is currently at the Commons Committee Stage.

Whilst I would be happy to meet the Interim Committee to discuss justice issues, I do not think it appropriate for me to do so now that the Bill is under Parliamentary scrutiny. However, I would welcome further engagement, at ministerial and official level, with the Welsh Government and Assembly Commission at an appropriate point to discuss justice issues, including how the UK Government and Welsh Government should work together to ensure the effective delivery of justice in Wales.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Wales.

I hope this is helpful,

Yours,

MICHAEL GOVE