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Dear Mr Hughes,

CYNGOR GWYNEDD MOTION REGARDING JUSTICE

Thank you for your letter of 5 September to the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice. I am replying as the minister at the Ministry of Justice responsible for matters relating to devolution and the Union.

I am grateful to you for drawing to my attention the motion adopted at the recent meeting of Cyngor Gwynedd. However, as I am sure you will be aware, the UK Government is clear that the current England and Wales justice system is the most effective and efficient way to deliver justice in Wales.

The Ministry of Justice, HM Prison and Probation Service, HM Courts & Tribunals Service and the Welsh Government collaborate on areas of the justice system that cut across devolved and reserved responsibilities, working together well to ensure that justice is delivered for the people of Wales.

Kind Regards,

LORD BELLAMY KC