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Dear Iona,

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD MOTION REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF THE JUSTICE
JURISDICTION TO THE SENEDD**

Thank you for the letter of 24 April to the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice from your predecessor as Chair of the Council, Councillor Beca Roberts. As minister responsible for matters relating to Devolution and the Union I am replying on behalf of the Lord Chancellor.

I am grateful to you for drawing my attention to the motion adopted at the recent meeting of Cyngor Gwynedd. I am aware that a similar motion was also adopted at a meeting of Cyngor Gwynedd in late 2023.

I note your reference to the Commission on Justice in Wales. This was commissioned by the Welsh Government and made many recommendations, not all of which were targeted at the UK Government. Whilst we do not agree with all the recommendations of the Commission, we are committed to working with the Welsh Government to ensure that we deliver justice in a way that best serves the people of Wales. We have, for example, been working with the Welsh Government on data collection and disaggregation, which was an area of interest for the Commission.

Thank you again for your interest in how justice is delivered in Wales.

Kind regards,

LORD PONSONBY OF SHULBREDE