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Annwyl Gareth,

**Committee Proposed Legislative Competence Order: The National Assembly for Wales
(Legislative Competence) (Highways and Transport) Order 2009**

I write further to my letter of 30 June regarding your request for me to forward the Committee's proposed Legislative Competence Order to the Secretary of State for Wales and to seek his agreement to facilitate the proposed Order's clearance through Whitehall.

I have now consulted the Cabinet Committee on Legislation and we have agreed to support the introduction of the Proposed Order and to facilitate its passage through Whitehall. This would, however, be on the understanding that negotiations would not commence until March 2010, by which time the current programme of Assembly Government proposed Orders will have largely been progressed through Whitehall.

There are currently a number of Government' proposed LCOs being negotiated through Whitehall and Parliament, and in terms of the use of Assembly Government staff resources, priority has to be given to the progression of the Government's own legislative programme. The implications of your Committee Proposed LCO being facilitated by my officials now could be to hamper the Government's own Legislative Programme - delaying negotiations until March would however, still allow the powers to be drawn down during the life of this Assembly.

I look forward to receiving your response to my proposed way forward in due course.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ieuan'.

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