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

On behalf of the Enterprise and Learning Committee I would like to thank you for your letter dated 9 November regarding our Committee proposed Legislative Competence Order.

We welcome the Welsh Government's support for the introduction of the proposed Order and your commitment to facilitate its passage through Whitehall.

We are disappointed that you believe the proposed Order would "hamper" the Government's own legislative programme. As a Committee that is genuinely interested in the democratic process, it is of concern to us that our proposed Order should be viewed in that way.

In the light of the capacity issues within your department and the likely General Election next year, we need to be reassured that delaying negotiations until March 2010 will still allow the powers to be drawn down during the life of this Assembly. If there is any risk of that not happening, the Committee would need to be informed. In the meantime, we are content with your proposed way forward.

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