



National Assembly Members – by email

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Dear Assembly Members

Bill passed by the National Assembly for Wales

On 17 July 2013 the National Assembly for Wales passed the Agricultural Sector (Wales) Bill.

The Bill is in the four week period of intimation (18 July 2013 – 14 August 2013). During this period, the Counsel General or the Attorney General may refer the question whether the Bill, or any provision of the Bill, would be within the Assembly's legislative competence to the Supreme Court for decision (section 112 of the Government of Wales Act 2006). Similarly, the Secretary of State for Wales may make an order prohibiting the Clerk of the Assembly from submitting the Bill for Royal Assent.

I have received notification that the Attorney General is not convinced that the Bill is within the National Assembly's competence and that he has decided to refer it to the Supreme Court under section 112 of the Government of Wales Act 2006.

I am attaching a copy of the Attorney General's letter and I will arrange for the letter, and the responses from the Counsel General and the Secretary of State for Wales, to be published on the Bill's webpage.

Yours sincerely

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