

Date: 16 March 2020

Subject: **Presiding Officer's Statement on Legislative Competence**

Bus Services (Wales) Bill

In my view most of the provisions of the Bus Services Bill, introduced on 16 March 2020, would be within the legislative competence of the National Assembly for Wales.

Elements of Sections 2 to 6, 8 to 12, 14 to 17 and 21 of the Bill would not be within competence. This is because elements of those provisions require the consent of the Secretary of State to bring them within the competence of the National Assembly for Wales and this necessary consent has not been obtained at this time. The elements which fall out of competence are specifically where provisions relate to the functions of reserved authorities, namely:

- Local Authorities in England,
- The Traffic Commissioner,
- The Secretary of State and
- Reserved authorities to be consulted under Section 124C(5) of the Transport Act 2000.

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Presiding Officer

