



Mick Antoniw AM
Counsel General
Cardiff Bay
Cardiff
CF99 1NA

20 July 2017

Dear Counsel General

Thank you for your letter dated 19 July setting out the Welsh Government's final response to our report on the form and accessibility of the law applicable in Wales.

I am very pleased that the Welsh Government agrees, or agrees in principle, with the vast majority of our recommendations. Such differences of view as there are do not seem to be stark or troubling; in my view the alternative understanding of "legislative code" you set out would effectively achieve the result we recommend.

It was a pleasure to work on this report, which is very much in keeping with Law Commission's core duty to make recommendations which modernise and clarify the law. The action you take now could help to ensure that law made in Wales is the most accessible in the United Kingdom. This would be of inestimable value to the people of Wales.

Of course, the Commission will be happy to provide whatever assistance we can during the current pilot, or in the ensuing process of codification.

On behalf of my colleagues and the Law Commission staff who worked on the project may I thank you and Welsh Government officials who worked with us on the project for their constructive assistance. We look forward to working with the Welsh Government in the future.

Yours sincerely

David Bean

The Rt. Hon. Sir David Bean

Chair, Law Commission of England and Wales