



The Rt. Hon Lord McConnell of Glenscorrodale PC
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Dear Lord McConnell,

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENTS) BILL

I am writing to clarify a response that I gave at Third Reading of the Private International Law (Implementation of Agreements) Bill held on 29 June.

In response to a question that you raised about consultation with Devolved Administrations, I stated that 'both the Government of Wales and the Government of Scotland granted an LCM to the Bill in its original form, so they appeared to be relatively content with its provisions.'

Of course, the correct position is that the Government of Northern Ireland and the Government of Scotland granted Legislative Consent Motions (LCMs), rather than the Government of Wales. As you will know, the implementation of private international law agreements is almost entirely reserved with regard to Wales, the exception being those matters relating to Cafcass Cymru. It was therefore agreed after engagement with officials in the Welsh Government that an LCM was not necessary for this Bill.

I hope this is a useful clarification and I am placing a copy of this letter in the library of the House.

Yours Sincerely,

RT HON LORD KEEN OF ELIE QC