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Dear Carmen,

During the first day of the Committee Stage for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, on 14 November 2025, I undertook to write to address a couple of points that were made during the debate. As you will be aware, the Government is neutral on this Private Member's Bill.

I would like to take this opportunity to address your points in more detail following the debate.

Whilst the UK Government has worked with both the Sponsors of the Bill and officials from the Welsh Government to advise on workability matters in relation to the devolution settlement, it is for the Welsh Government and the Sponsoring Members to work to obtain a Legislative Consent Motion. It is my understanding from the Welsh Government that this is an ongoing process.

The Sponsoring Member of the bill, Lord Falconer, set out the clauses that were subject to a Legislative Consent Motion in the House on Friday 14th November, this included Clause 40, providing Welsh Ministers power to issue guidance; Clause 42, providing Welsh Ministers power to regulate how an assisted dying service would be introduced in the Welsh health service; Clause 51, providing the Welsh Government with the power to make regulations about the Welsh language; Clause 54, general power to make regulations; and Clause 58, which gives the Welsh Ministers power to introduce certain provisions.

I hope this letter has provided clarification on the issues you raised in Committee. I am copying this letter to all the Peers who spoke during the debate and will place a copy in the library of the House.

All good wishes,

BARONESS MERRON