Presiding Officer's Statement on Legislative Competence

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill

In my view:

- Most of the provisions of the Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Assembly.
- Section 154 would not be within competence. This is because this provision requires the consent of the Secretary of State to bring it within the competence of the National Assembly for Wales and this necessary consent has not been obtained at this time.
- Sections 18 and 22 would not be within competence. This is because these provisions require a section 109 Order under the Government of Wales Act 2006 to be made by the Privy Council and this has not been made at this time.

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Presiding Officer

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