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Presiding Officer's Statement on Legislative Competence

Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill

In my view, most of the provisions of the Homelessness and Social Housing Allocation (Wales) Bill would be within the legislative competence of the Senedd.

The following provisions would not be within competence because they require the consent of the UK Government, and such consent has not been obtained at this time:

- Section 14 – Duties to applicants in referral cases
- Section 21 – Duty of a public authority to ask and act
- Section 22 – Duty to refer persons in England to a local housing authority in Wales
- Section 32 – Co-operation

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