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Dear Finlay,

The Ivory Prohibitions (Exemptions) (Process and Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (ENV/328) – PROTOCOL WITH SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

The Scottish Parliament agreed on 31 April 2025 that it was content for Scottish Ministers to give their consent to the above SI including Scottish devolved matters, as set out in the notification to the Parliament.

The Ivory Prohibitions (Exemptions) (Process and Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2025 (ENV/328) SI was made on 23 April 2025 under section 2 of the Ivory Act 2018 (c. 30) (“the Act”) and came into force on 15 May 2025.

This SI varies in some respects from the original proposal set out in the notification of 10 March 2025. However, the variation is not considered significant as I set out below.

To summarise two of the previously set out institutions have been removed from the list (the Museum of Ethnographers and the Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery) and the names of the remaining three institutions have been amended to reflect their legal titles. I understand that the Museum of Ethnographers has decided not to become a prescribed institution under the Ivory Act 2018. The Royal Albert Memorial Museum and Art Gallery has also withdrawn, I understand this is a result of wider pressures leading to a full review of their services. The UK Government have confirmed that they do not expect any further changes to the number of prescribed institutions.

The proposed new institutions are set out below:

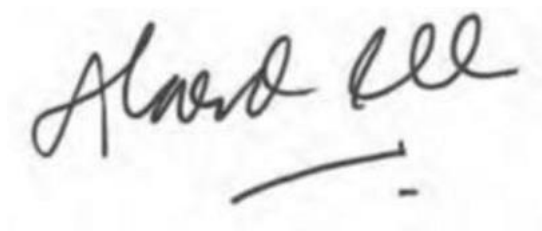
- (j) National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside;
- (k) National Museums and Galleries of Northern Ireland;

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- (m) National Museum of Wales.”.

I am copying this letter to the Convener of the Delegated Powers and Law Reform Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alasdair Allan', with a horizontal line underneath.

DR ALASDAIR ALLAN

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