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Dear Mick,

Thank you for your letter of 1 May regarding Welsh Government consent to the Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 (Public Service Obligations in Transport) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020.

The laying of this statutory instrument in Parliament took place at a particularly challenging time during the emergence of the Covid-19 crisis, with the Welsh Government pivoting to prioritise the pandemic and prepare for lockdown. I am very grateful for the consideration you are showing to the Welsh Government in such instances where we may have recently struggled to meet our obligations.

The Senedd was notified of the statutory instrument on 12 May.

The lockdown also affected the notification of The Environment (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, which took place on 27 May.

I can assure you that the regulations concerning the preparations for the UK's withdrawal from the EU are very important to the Welsh Government. Procedures have been reviewed in the light of the lockdown and we will continue to make every effort to discharge fully the Welsh Government's obligations to the Senedd under Standing Order 30C.

Yours sincerely,

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