Dear Jeremy


I hope you are keeping well.

It has come to the Committee’s attention that the Welsh Government has consented to the making of the Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 (Public Service Obligations in Transport) (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 by the UK Government.

These Regulations were laid before the UK Parliament on 16 March 2020 and are made under section 8 of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018. As a proposed negative procedure instrument, the regulations have been subject to the sifting process in both houses of the UK Parliament. I understand that the sift period ended on 28 April 2020, with both the European Statutory Instruments Committee and the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee agreeing that the instrument should follow the negative procedure.

In the difficult circumstances that currently exist, we are mindful of the additional pressures that are being placed on governments. However, regulations preparing for the UK’s withdrawal from the European Union continue to be important. Similarly, the Welsh Government must continue to discharge its Standing Order obligations to the National Assembly. Under Standing Order 30C, the Assembly should have been notified of the Welsh Government’s consenting to these Regulations over a month ago.

We would be grateful if you would look into this matter and ensure that the required notification under Standing Order 30C is laid before the Assembly as soon as possible. We would also ask that you ensure that, where and if the Welsh Government has consented to the making of other relevant statutory instruments, as defined in Standing Order 30C, the appropriate written statements are laid before the Assembly in adherence with the requirements of that standing order.
Yours sincerely

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.
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