

Rebecca Evans MS  
Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

4 September 2020

Dear Rebecca

**The Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020**

We considered The Education (School Day and School Year) (Wales) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 (the 2020 Regulations) at our meeting on 24 August and laid our **report** the same day.

Our report highlighted the following merits scrutiny point:

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"The Explanatory Memorandum notes that the Welsh Government consulted with "local authorities and the Welsh Local Government Association". Local authority directors were issued with a letter on 29 July 2020 setting out the intentions, and "local authorities were invited [to] raise any concerns in response." The Explanatory Memorandum does not explain whether or not local authorities did respond with any concerns.."

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We note that since our meeting a Welsh Government response has been received, which addresses the point we made. We believe that this information should have been included in the Explanatory Memorandum, given the significant nature of the 2020 Regulations.

We draw this point to your attention and request that the Welsh Government takes account of the need to provide an appropriate level of detail when justifying its policies in Explanatory Memorandums prepared in support of regulations.



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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Mick Antoniw MS**  
**Chair**

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg  
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