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Dear Rebecca and Jeremy,

EU exit related subordinate legislation

We are aware that there is likely to be a large volume of subordinate legislation before the end of the year as a result of the UK exiting the European Union.

In his written statement on the legislative programme issued on 15 July, the First Minister said:

“A significant body of EU-related secondary legislation will still be required by the end of this year. This includes work to implement EU law coming into force this year; to ensure retained EU law ‘works’ at the end of the transition period; and to implement new regimes arising from our withdrawal from the EU. (...)”

In these best of circumstances there will be real challenges in responding to the speed and complexity of Brexit-related legislation in an autumn where the Senedd will still be dealing with health and economic consequences of the pandemic, the annual budget process and the demands of even the slimmed down legislative programme (...)

If the autumn sees a resurgence in coronavirus and an aggressive form of seasonal flu, then managing Brexit legislation alongside everything else will be a challenge of a very different order.”

Within the context of this statement and for the purpose of planning our work for the coming months, we would be grateful if you could provide us with an update on the likely volume of EU exit related subordinate legislation that will be made before 31 December 2020. As referenced by the First Minister in his statement, it would be helpful to receive information on the subordinate legislation that will be required “to implement EU law coming into force this year; to ensure retained EU law ‘works’ at the end of the



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transition period; and to implement new regimes arising from our withdrawal from the EU”.

We would be grateful to receive this update by the first week of September in order to help inform our plans for the autumn term.

In addition, we would like to invite you to discuss these matters further during our meeting on the morning of 28 September. This session would also include scrutiny of the forthcoming draft Order in Council to be made under section 109 of the *Government of Wales Act 2006*, which we understand will seek to amend Schedules 7A and 7B to the 2006 Act and which we understand will be laid before the Senedd in early September.

We would be grateful if you could confirm your availability for this session at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

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

Mick Antoniw MS
Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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