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Dear Chair

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Functions of Local Authorities etc.) (Wales) Regulations 2020

I am grateful to the committee for noting the oversight in my letter to the Llywydd of 17 September informing her the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Functions of Local Authorities etc.) (Wales) Regulations 2020 would be coming into force on the same day as they were laid before the Senedd and would therefore be in force for some hours prior to being laid.

You are right to point out that the urgency was because these regulations were revoking and replacing the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Functions of Local Authorities) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and it was imperative that any doubt about the powers available to local authorities to respond to the coronavirus pandemic was resolved as a matter of urgency. That was indeed the reason why the regulations came into force before they were laid.

I am copying this response to the Llywydd and I hope she also accepts my apologies for the oversight in my letter of 17 September. Please accept my apologies for the delay in my response to your letter about this issue.

I am grateful for the scrutiny and oversight your committee provides in relation to the significant amount of legislation, which has been made in the course of responding to the coronavirus pandemic.

Best wishes

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