Dear Mick,

I am writing to inform you that a consultation on a revised Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) Code for Subordinate Legislation opened today. The consultation was published on the Welsh Government website (https://gov.wales/consultations).

As set out in the draft Code, the Welsh Ministers’ policy remains to always carry out an RIA for relevant Welsh subordinate legislation subject to a small number of exceptions. Officials have reviewed and, where necessary, amended the exceptions (which describe situations in which no RIA would be required) to ensure the approach in the Code is clear and proportionate. In addition, a number of changes have been made to simplify the Code and to update terminology and references.

I have copied this letter to the Chair of Finance Committee and look forward to receiving the views of both Committees on the draft Code. The consultation closes on the 4th of March 2021.

Yours sincerely,

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