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Llywydd
Chair, Business Committee

7 February 2019

Annwyl Lywydd,

Legislation (Wales) Bill

I am writing to request an extension to the Stage 1 reporting deadline Business Committee agreed on 27 November 2018 in respect of the Legislation (Wales) Bill.

We were due to take evidence on the Bill from the Counsel General at our meeting on Monday 11 February. On Wednesday 6 February I received a request from the Counsel General as to whether the evidence session could be re-scheduled. I understand that urgent, Brexit-related business in London means that the Counsel General now has conflicting diary commitments.

We have been able to accommodate the re-arranged evidence session at our meeting on Monday 18 February. However, delaying the final evidence session on the Bill may impact the Committee's ability to consider all the evidence received and prepare its report by the previously agreed deadline of 22 March 2019.

For that reason, I would be grateful if Business Committee would consider extending the Stage 1 reporting deadline to Tuesday 26 March 2019. This short extension would, in effect, give the Committee one more opportunity to consider its report in a formal meeting, should that additional opportunity be needed.

This would not have an impact on the subsequent stages of the Bill, and the Welsh Government would still be able to schedule the Stage 1 debate for 2 April 2019. I understand that the Welsh Government is supportive of this request.



I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Finance Committee.

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

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

