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Counsel General

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Dear Jeremy

Follow-up to Committee scrutiny session on 21 September 2020

Thank you for attending our committee meeting yesterday morning to discuss the UK Government's Internal Market Bill and general matters concerning EU exit related primary and subordinate legislation.

There were two areas where you said you would come back to us with further information.

The first of these relates to the timing of the Welsh Government's legislative consent motion for the UK Fisheries Bill. We understand that this motion is due to be debated in Plenary on 29 September 2020. We would be grateful if you would confirm if it is the Welsh Government's intention to delay this debate until the Memorandum of Understanding, that is being developed with the UK Government, has been shared with the Senedd.

The second matter on which you said you would provide more detail relates to the anticipated section 109 Order, and your letter to us on 10 September 2020. We would be grateful if you would clarify whether the UK Government has provided you with any reasoning for the delay to this Order being brought forward.

Further to these two points, there were two questions which we did not reach during the session but to which we would be grateful to receive your response:



- Can you update the Committee on the extent to which redeploying Welsh Government resources to focus on the Covid-19 pandemic may impact upon the Welsh Government's ability to implement the significant programme of EU exit related subordinate legislation that will be required.
- What assessment has been made of the risk of not having all necessary legislation in place by the end of the transition period, and how will the Welsh Government mitigate against this issue.



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We would be grateful to receive a response from you at the earliest opportunity.

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 AM
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

