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Dear Llywydd

Proposed timetable for the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill

Thank you for your letter, dated 18 June 2019, seeking the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee's ('the Committee') views on the proposed timetable for the Welsh Government's Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill.

We welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed timetable and can confirm that we are content with the deadline for completion of Stages 1 and 2.

Notwithstanding the above, we would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to a broader matter in relation to the timetabling of future Bills. The Welsh Government has repeatedly made clear its intention to introduce at least two Brexit-related Bills that fall within the Committee's remit, and for these Bills to be passed, before the end of the Fifth Assembly. At present, and despite requests for indicative timings from the Committee, it is unclear whether, and if so when, these Bills will be introduced.

We trust that sufficient flexibility will be built into the timetable for these future Bills in the event that they coincide with the Committee's scrutiny of the Wild Animals and Circuses (Wales) Bill.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee

