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Dear Chair,

I am writing in response to your letter of 2 March in relation to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's consideration of the response we provided to the Committee to your letter of 8 February regarding the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No.5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No.23) Regulations 2021.

I am pleased to confirm that the following Summary Impact Assessments (SIA) have now been published:

- 3 June 2021 review (including the allowing six individuals from six households to mix indoors; up to 30 people outdoors; an extension to 'extended households' and opening of ice rinks)
- 15 July 2021 review (including the rule of six to meet indoors in private dwellings, indoor events; ice rinks; night clubs and adult entertainment centres; residential visits and gathering outdoors)
- August 2021 – alert level zero baseline measures

The documents can be accessed here: [Impact assessments: coronavirus | GOV.WALES](#)

The assessments were undertaken at the time of the relevant review, but unfortunately they were not published due to an administrative oversight caused by the sheer volume of work underway to deal with the Coronavirus pandemic. I apologise to the committee for this and can confirm we have modified the process to ensure this will not happen again.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I welcome the committee's recognition of our revised approach to reviewing previous impact assessments and whether they remain valid. I note your point about summarising the main equality issues that arise and will endeavour to do so in future Explanatory Memorandums.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**MARK DRAKEFORD**