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Dear Elin,

The Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (No. 5) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 8) Regulations 2022

I have today made these Regulations under sections 45C(1) and (3)(c) and 45P(2) of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984. The Regulations come into force on 28 March. I attach a copy of the statutory instrument and I intend to lay this and an accompanying Explanatory Memorandum once the statutory instrument has been registered.

In accordance with the procedure set out in section 45R of the Public Health (Control of Disease) Act 1984, this instrument must be approved by the Senedd by 12 May 2022 in order for it to remain in effect. In these circumstances I understand Standing Order 21.4A is relevant and the Business Committee may establish and publish a timetable for the responsible committee or committees to report. As the principal Regulations which these regulations amend are due to expire during the Senedd's Easter Recess, I intend to hold the plenary debate for this item of subordinate legislation on 29 March 2022, which is the only available opportunity before that Recess. As a result, unfortunately there is very limited time indeed for committee scrutiny.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, and Trefnydd, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee, Siwan Davies, Director of Senedd Business, Sian Wilkins, Head of Chamber and Committee Services and Julian Luke, Head of Policy and Legislation Committee Service.

Yours sincerely

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