



Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Senedd Cymru

15 February 2023

Dear Huw,

The Government of Wales Act 2006 (Budget Motions and Designated Bodies) (Amendment) Order 2023 (“the 2023 Order”)

Thank you for considering the Welsh Government’s response to the draft reporting points at the Committee’s meeting on 30 January 2023 and your subsequent letter.

In relation to the first technical reporting point, footnote (3) on page 3 of the 2023 Order refers the reader to the statutory name given to the body. Given this cited provision refers to “Her Majesty”, the Welsh Government considered the preferable drafting approach, in the context of this instrument at that particular time, was to refer to the body’s name as established in section 73(1) of the Learning and Skills Act 2000. The Welsh Government may, however, take a different approach in future instruments when referring to the Sovereign, depending upon the context of the legislation concerned.

You asked about the Welsh Government or UK Government’s plans to amend existing legislation to ensure accuracy and accessibility. References to “Her Majesty” are accurate as a result of section 10 of the 1978 Act and section 11 of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019. The Welsh Government will consider the desirability of amending specific references depending on context when legislating in the future. We are not aware of the UK Government’s plans on this matter.

The second technical reporting point has been considered by the team in Welsh Government responsible for applying amendments to the published Welsh texts on legislation.gov.uk, the SI Registrar and the Publishing Editor at The National Archives. They have confirmed that, based on the instruction to insert the bodies “in the appropriate places”, the bodies will be inserted in the 2018 Order in alphabetical order.

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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.

We trust this clarifies the Welsh Government's position.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a clear, legible font.

Rebecca Evans AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Cyllid a Llywodraeth Leol

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