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Rt Hon. Elin Jones MS
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Dear Elin,

The Protection from Sex-based Harassment in Public Bill (“the Bill”), which is a Private Member’s Bill, was introduced in the UK Parliament, the House of Commons, on 15 June 2022.

Committee Stage was held on 22 February. After engagement with UK Government, an amendment was made to the Bill to extend the application of the offence it creates to Wales. This amendment has resulted in the Bill becoming ‘relevant provision’ for the purposes of Standing Order 29. In accordance with Standing Order 29, we will lay a legislative consent memorandum (LCM).

In order to present the Senedd with our final recommendation on the Bill I have instructed officials to engage further with UK Government on outstanding matters relating to the commencement of the Bill. I acknowledge this will likely mean this LCM will be laid more than two weeks after the point at which ‘relevant provision’ has been made, but I believe this will ensure it accurately reflects the development of the Bill and will enable effective Senedd scrutiny.

I do not anticipate this process to lead to a significant delay, however I wanted to ensure you are clear on the status of this Bill and our intentions. I will ensure our LCM is laid as soon as we have a settled position. As a Private Member’s Bill, we do not envisage the Bill to change much following this stage.

Report Stage for this Bill is schedule for 24 March. Subsequent dates are not yet available though we will ensure the Senedd is kept informed.

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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.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Social Justice and the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mick Antoniw AS/MS

Y Cwnsler Cyffredinol a Gweinidog y Cyfansoddiad
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