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Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

29 March 2023

Dear Jenny,

I am writing to update you on the Welsh Government's plans for the proposed addition of new public bodies to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (WFG Act).

In 2022, we consulted on a proposal to add new public bodies to section 6 of the WFG Act. We published a summary of the consultation responses on 15 December. In January 2023, I wrote to existing public bodies to gather further insight on their experience of preparing for the well-being duty. This work has taken place alongside the development of the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Bill (SPPP Bill). Following Royal Assent and commencement of relevant provisions, the SPPP Bill will place a social partnership duty on the public bodies listed in section 6 of the WFG Act, requiring them to work with their recognised trade unions or other representatives of staff on setting and delivering their well-being objectives. The SPPP Bill will also amend the words 'decent work' in the 'A prosperous Wales' well-being goal to 'fair work', which will trigger a review of well-being objectives by all public bodies listed in section 6 of the WFG Act.

The consultation responses we received from public bodies emphasised the importance of investing time to develop the knowledge and skills required to discharge the well-being duty effectively. The new public bodies will also need to prepare for discharging their duties under the SPPP Bill, post Royal Assent. Therefore, we now intend to add the new public bodies to section 6 of the WFG Act later than originally planned to allow further preparation and engagement. We will continue to hold knowledge exchange sessions with the proposed public bodies to support their preparations for the well-being duty. I will, in due course, confirm the final list of bodies to be added to the WFG Act and provide further details on timings.

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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.

Yours

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke above the first letter 'J'.

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Y Gweinidog Cyfiawnder Cymdeithasol
Minister for Social Justice

Copied to the Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee, the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, and the Auditor General for Wales.