

WRITTEN STATEMENT BY THE WELSH GOVERNMENT

TITLE Revised programme to improve the accessibility of Welsh law

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On 1 November 2023 the second Annual Report on <u>The future of Welsh law: A programme for 2021 to 2026</u> was laid before the Senedd, in accordance with section 2(7) of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019. Paragraph 70 of that report included a commitment to revise the programme to reflect:

- a. a commitment to create a Code of law in relation to planning, and to show that a Code of law for the historic environment has been created.
- b. information about the project to strengthen the publication of subordinate legislation, and
- c. a commitment to consult on proposals to improve the form and structure of legislation.

The Annual Report also included a commitment to lay the revised programme before the Senedd, in accordance with section 2(6) of the 2019 Act.

I am pleased to inform Members that the revised programme has been laid today. I would also encourage you to read the <u>2022-2023 Annual Report</u>, which includes a mid-term review of the operation of the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019, fulfilling a commitment made during the passage of the Bill.