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Dear Mike

Legislation Bill

The Government has previously announced its intention to bring forward a Legislation Bill to deal with the repeal and amendment of provisions that are no longer of practical utility or benefit. The Bill will also deal with some minor amendments to the Legislation (Wales) Act 2019. The need for amendment was touched upon in the review of the 2019 Act published in November 2023 as part of the latest annual report on the programme to improve the accessibility of Welsh law.

I also expect the Bill will formalise and modernise existing arrangements for the making and publishing of Welsh legislation. This will include putting "Welsh Statutory Instruments" on a similar statutory and constitutional footing to the arrangements for Scottish Statutory Instruments and Northern Ireland Statutory Rules. At present the instruments labelled Welsh Statutory Instruments are strictly speaking UK Statutory Instruments and identified with a subsidiary number.

Discussions are underway with The National Archives ahead of formal engagement with the King's Printer on the Bill. As such I would also like to offer the Committee the opportunity of a technical briefing with my officials. If this is something the Committee would like to receive, please could the Committee Clerk contact the Bill Manager – whose details are already held by the Clerks.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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 sincerely,

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