

Lynne Neagle MS  
Cabinet Secretary for Education

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Dear Lynne

**The Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024**

The Committee has been monitoring when and how the Welsh Government corrects errors in Welsh statutory instruments that have been identified by the Committee in its reports to the Senedd.

At our meeting on 13 January 2025, we discussed the statutory instruments considered by the Committee during 2024 where the Welsh Government has indicated that it will bring forward an amending instrument to rectify errors the Committee has identified. The Committee agreed that it will write to the relevant Welsh Ministers in relation to instruments where it would appear that amending instruments are overdue.

In April 2024, the Committee considered the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024. The third technical point in our report highlighted an inconsistency between the English and Welsh texts which reflected a historical issue in the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2003.

Responding to the Committee's report, the Welsh Government said:

*"The Welsh Government acknowledges that there is an error in the Welsh text of the Schedule to the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2003 ("the Maintained School Regulations"). The reporting point does not relate to an error in the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 ("the 2024 PRU Regulations") but to an error in the Maintained School Regulations. The purpose and effect of the 2024 PRU Regulations is to change the law in relation to PRUs. We*

*will make the necessary amendment to the Maintained Schools Regulations to correct the error the next time those Regulations are amended, which is anticipated to be later this year."*

We would be grateful to receive an update and confirmation as to when you will make the necessary amendment to the Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (Wales) Regulations 2003.

We would be grateful to receive a response by 30 January 2025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Mike Hedges  
Chair