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Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change &

Rural Affairs

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Dear Huw

**The Agricultural Tenancies (Requests for Landlord's Consent or Variation of Terms) (Wales)
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 September 2024, the Committee considered the Agricultural Tenancies (Requests for Landlord's Consent or Variation of Terms) (Wales) Regulations 2024. The sixth technical point in the Committee's report highlighted that, in regulation 3(8), there was a difference in the period of time given to the tenant to refer the request to arbitration or third party determination when compared with the corresponding provision in regulation 3(9) of the Agricultural Holdings (Requests for Landlord's Consent or Variation of Terms and the Suitability Test) (Wales) Regulations 2024.

Responding to the sixth technical reporting point, the Welsh Government said:

"The Welsh Government notes the point and will amend these Regulations to achieve a consistent reference to a "period of 4 months". This will be addressed by amending regulations which we aim to introduce before the end of 2024."



In addition, and given the commitment to address the matter the Committee highlighted in reporting point 6, the Welsh Government response also indicated that the same amending instrument would be used to address the matters the Committee raised in reporting points 3, 5, and 7.

We would be grateful to receive an update and confirmation as to when you will bring forward the amending regulations.

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

Yours sincerely,

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Mike Hedges

Chair

