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Draft legislation relating to the Welsh Language Standards

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your letter dated 28 January 2025, advising us of your intention to lay the following draft legislation before the Senedd:

- 1.** The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 (Amendment of Schedule 6) Order 2025 ("the Order")
- 2.** The Welsh Language Standards (No. 1, No. 2, No. 4, No. 6 and No. 7) Regulations (Amendment) Regulations 2025 ("the Regulations")

We discussed your letter at our meeting on Wednesday, 19 February 2025. We note that the Order and the Regulations were laid before the Senedd on the same day as your letter of intention to the Committee. I am writing to confirm that the Committee does not intend to scrutinise and report on the Order and the Regulations.

Whilst the Committee has opted not to undertake scrutiny on this occasion, we would welcome the opportunity to consider and undertake scrutiny of future Welsh Language Standards Regulations. We note that the Welsh Government has committed to introducing Welsh Language Standards Regulations for housing associations and the transport sector before the end of the Senedd term.

Following the draft Welsh Language Standards (No.9) Regulations 2023 being laid, the Committee wrote to the former Minister for Education and Welsh Language, Jeremy Miles MS, requesting sufficient advance notice of future Welsh Language Standards Regulations being laid to allow time for

the Committee to undertake scrutiny and publish a report. The letter also noted that the Welsh Government has previously offered to take into account the Committee's consideration of such regulations when arranging the date for a Plenary debate.

We ask that sufficient time is provided in future to allow the Committee to undertake such scrutiny and to allow the Committee to publish a report. We would be grateful if this could be taken into account when planning the introduction of future Welsh Language Standards Regulations.

Yours sincerely,



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Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.