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Mike Hedges MS, Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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Annwyl Mike,

Consolidation of planning law

Thank you for your further letter of 19 February regarding the timetable for consideration of the Bills that will consolidate planning law.

The responsibility for setting the timetable for consideration of Bills sits with the Business Committee, and I had the opportunity to discuss the Government's intentions for legislating in the final year of this Senedd term with that Committee on 4 March.

I explained to the Business Committee that whilst I understand the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee's concerns about the time available, the Bills and supporting documentation will not be finalised in sufficient time to enable the Llywydd to consider the Bills during the usual determination period and then be introduced prior to summer recess.

For the avoidance of doubt, my intention to make the Bills available in June is not intended as a substitution for formal introduction. It is, as I said, intended to be helpful to your Committee (and other Members) and support your preparations for scrutiny and to be able to effectively comment on the draft timetable when you are asked by the Business Committee.

I am copying this letter to the Rt Hon Elin Jones MS, the Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee.

Yn gywir,

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