

Andrew RT Davies MS
Chair, Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

16 July 2025

Dear Andrew

Year Five of the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme: Scrutiny of the Greyhound Bill and the Regulation of Visitor Accommodation Bill

The Business Committee is considering the proposed timetables for the Bills to be introduced in Year Five of the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme. At our meeting on 15 July, we discussed the implications arising from the proposed timetables for committee scrutiny and options for referring the Bills to responsible committees.

As you will be aware, the Welsh Government has indicated that it intends to introduce two Bills that fall within the remit of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee during the final year of this Senedd term. These are the Greyhound Bill and the Regulation of Visitor Accommodation Bill.

The key proposed dates for the two Bills are outlined below and the detailed proposed timetables are contained in an Annex to this letter.

Bill	Introduction date	Stage 1 Reporting Deadline	Deadline for Stage 2	Proposed Stage 3 debate	Stage 4
Greyhound Bill	29 Sept 2025	5 December 2025 (8 sitting weeks)	6 February 2026	10 March 2026	17 March 2026
Regulation of Visitor Accommodation Bill	20 October 2025	19 December 2025 (7 sitting weeks)	13 February 2026	10 March 2026	17 March 2026

Both timetables, as proposed, include shorter than standard periods for Stage 1 scrutiny with the Stage 1 reporting deadlines falling only two weeks apart. Furthermore, the deadlines for completion of Stage 2 proceedings are proposed to be one week apart and Stage 3 proceedings in Plenary are currently scheduled to take place on the same day.

In light of the significant overlap between the two proposed timetables, the Business Committee is considering several options for referral of the Bills to responsible committee(s).

To assist us with those considerations, we agreed to write to seek the views of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee on the proposed timetables for the Bills and whether or not it is practical for the Committee to act as the responsible committee for scrutiny of both Bills, in light of the extent to which they will need to be scrutinised simultaneously.

I would be grateful to receive your views.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elin Jones', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Elin Jones MS
Chair of the Business Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

Annex

ILLUSTRATIVE TIMETABLE – GREYHOUND BILL

Milestone	Date
Introduction to the Senedd	29 September 2025
Deadline for Stage 1 Committee consideration	5 December 2025
Stage 1 ends – Plenary debate on general principles and motion on financial resolution (if necessary)	16 December 2025
Stage 2 begins	17 December 2025
Earliest possible date for Stage 2 consideration	12 January 2026
Stage 2 ends - deadline for Stage 2 Committee	6 February 2026
Stage 3 begins	9 February 2026
Stage 3 in Plenary	10 March 2026
Stage 4 in Plenary	17 March 2026
Royal Assent	April 2026

ILLUSTRATIVE TIMETABLE – REGULATION OF VISITOR ACCOMODATION BILL

Milestone	Date
Introduction to the Senedd	20 October 2025
Deadline for Stage 1 Committee consideration	19 December 2025
Stage 1 ends – Plenary debate on general principles and motion on financial resolution (if necessary)	13 January 2026
Stage 2 begins	14 January 2026
Earliest possible date for Stage 2 consideration	4 February 2026
Stage 2 ends - deadline for Stage 2 Committee	13 February 2026
Stage 3 begins	16 February 2026
Stage 3 in Plenary	10 March 2026
Stage 4 in Plenary	17 March 2026
Royal Assent	April 2026

