

The Rt Hon Elin Jones MS  
Llywydd, and Chair of the Business Committee

24 July 2025

Dear Llywydd,

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

Thank you for sharing the key proposed dates for the Greyhound Bill and the Regulation of Visitor Accommodation Bill. I have discussed your letter with the Committee, and we do not believe it would be possible to give adequate scrutiny to both bills, given the proposed timetable.

I would also like to raise concerns regarding the proposed shortened stage one for both bills. Realistically, if a committee is to meet the reporting deadlines proposed in the letter, they will only be able to hold a three-week public consultation. A key part of the Committee's role in legislative scrutiny is to gather the views of interested parties and reflect these in the Stage One report. Three weeks will not provide stakeholders time to digest the bill and submit a full high-quality response, especially if they are a representative organisation and need to consult their members.

To mitigate against this, I would request that Welsh Government commits to publishing the draft bills as soon as practically possible. If this is not possible, I would request that an early private draft bill is shared with the committees they will be referred to. Those committees could then share this draft with key stakeholders they identify, ensuring those organisations have as much time as possible to contribute to the Committee's work.

I would also like to request that the Welsh Government makes officials available to give a private technical briefing to the committees prior to each bill's introduction. Whilst this would be a highly unusual step, I believe it is necessary given the limited time Members will have to digest the bills.



These two measures will help address some of the issues presented by the exceptionally short stage one timetables. However, even with them in place I still feel the proposed timelines are too short to give the quality of scrutiny I would expect to be provided by any Senedd Committee.

I am sure you agree with me that high quality scrutiny is a vital part of lawmaking and produces better quality legislation. I am disappointed the Welsh Government has not planned their five-year legislative programme well enough to provide committees with adequate time to carry out our role and provide proper scrutiny of their proposed legislation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew RT Davies". The signature is written in a cursive style with some capital letters.

Andrew RT Davies MS

Chair: Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English