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Dear Delyth,

Following the introduction of the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill into the Senedd on 29 September 2025, please find attached a copy of the Statement of Policy Intent on the powers to make subordinate legislation under the Bill. This document is provided to support scrutiny of the Bill by the Senedd.

I look forward to providing further evidence to the Committee in due course.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and the Chair of the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill

Statement of Policy Intent for Subordinate Legislation to be made under this Bill

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PROHIBITION OF GREYHOUND RACING (WALES) BILL

STATEMENT OF POLICY INTENT FOR SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION TO BE MADE UNDER THIS BILL

Introduction

This document provides an indication of the current policy intention for the subordinate legislation that the Welsh Ministers are required to make under the provisions of the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill ('the Bill'), as introduced on 29 September 2025.

It has been prepared to assist Senedd Committees and Senedd Members during the scrutiny of the Bill and should be read in conjunction with the Bill and the Explanatory Memorandum and Explanatory Notes which accompany it.

Overview of the Bill

The policy objective of this Bill is to prohibit greyhound racing in Wales.

The Bill will achieve this by introducing two new offences. The first makes it an offence to operate a stadium or similar venue in Wales and use it, or knowingly permit it to be used, for greyhound racing, and the second makes it an offence to be involved in organising greyhound racing in Wales.

SECTION	5(2)
FORM	Commencement Order
DESCRIPTION OF COMMENCEMENT ORDER	
This section provides the Welsh Ministers with a power to commence the provisions of the Bill by an order.	
WHY IS THE POWER/DUTY REQUIRED?	
<p>Section 5(1) provides which sections come into force the day following the day the Act receives Royal Assent, while section 5(2) provides which sections come into force on a day appointed by the Welsh Ministers in an order made by statutory instrument. Section 5(2) provides that those sections must be brought into force no sooner than 1 April 2027, and no later than 1 April 2030.</p> <p>It is appropriate to commence provisions by an order as it will be necessary to ensure that implementation arrangements are in place before the sections come into force.</p>	
POLICY INTENT – HOW IS THE DELEGATED POWER INTENDED TO BE USED?	
The policy intent is for the Welsh Ministers to commence the provisions of the Bill over time in a way that enables implementation arrangements to be put in place before they come into force.	
OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION	
Nothing to note	