

Government Response: *the Independent Review of Determinations (Adoption and Fostering) (Wales) Regulations 2026*

Technical Scrutiny point 1: The Welsh Government is grateful to the Committee for identifying the incorrect cross reference to the Adoption Agencies (Wales) Regulations 2005 in regulation 2 within the definition of adoption panel. We accept the point. We will lay a short set of amending Regulations to substitute regulation 4 for regulation 3 so that the definition correctly reflects the provision that requires the constitution of an adoption panel.

Technical Scrutiny point 2: We accept that regulation 3(a)(ii) should refer to the provision under which a determination is actually made at the conclusion of a review, rather than to regulation 30D(2). In the set of amending Regulations mentioned above we will include provision which makes an amendment to regulation so that the reference is to regulation 30D(6).