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Dear Mike,

Updated analysis of subordinate legislation requiring correction

Thank you for your letter of 30 January. I apologise for the delay in replying. In your letter you ask two questions. One about so-called 'omnibus' statutory instruments. The second related to corrections to statutory instruments in response to the Committee's reporting points and whether those corrections will be made before or after dissolution of the Senedd.

In relation to omnibus SIs we have reflected on our own experience in relation to the Amendments to Subordinate Legislation (Minimum Landing Size and Miscellaneous Corrections) (Wales) Order 2025 and the Amendments to Subordinate Legislation (Miscellaneous Corrections) (Wales) Regulations 2025.

We have also had regard to the Committee's observations in relation both instruments. The Committee noted that the title of the statutory instruments do not give an indication of the nature or contents of the Welsh statutory instruments that are being corrected. This could raise issues of accessibility in drawing readers' attention to any Welsh statutory instruments which are being corrected, and that are of particular interest to them. This could be inevitable if the statutory instruments are generally all unrelated when following an omnibus approach to the correction of statutory instruments. The Committee also identified the complexity of the preamble to such SIs. These are points that the Welsh Government also identified and, therefore, agree with. In addition, the process for drafting the SIs raised some inefficiencies given the need both for co-ordination of the drafting of the SI along with detailed input from the relevant lawyers for each of the specific subject areas.

For those reasons it is not this Government's intention to bring forward further 'omnibus' SIs of the same nature and breadth of scope in the future.

The Committee's analysis of commitments by the Government to bring forward amending SI to address points raised in the Committee's reports identifies 15 instruments. I am pleased to report to the Committee that amendments have already been made or will be made prior

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to dissolution of the Senedd in respect of 9 of those instruments. The remaining 6 will be addressed in the next Senedd. Those are as follows.

The Local Government(Standards Committees and Member Conduct) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) Regulations 2025 – the intention is to correct this when the regulations are next reviewed including if the new Government reviews the local government ethical standards framework.

The Official Controls (Import of High-Risk Food and Feed of Non Animal Origin) (Amendment of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793) (Wales) Regulations 2025 – reporting points 1 and 2 have been corrected and we are awaiting confirmation from the Statutory Instrument Registrar that reporting point 3 will be dealt with by correction slip which was requested in January.

The Basic Payment Scheme (Tapering, Payment Entitlements and Closure) (Wales) Regulations 2025 – there is currently no legislative vehicle available prior to the end of this Senedd.

The National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) (Amendment) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2025 - the intention is to address this in the next set of regulations required as a result of annual negotiations with the sector (likely not before late 2026).

The Special Schools Residential Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations 2024 – other amendments are in contemplation to the Special Schools Residential Services (Service Providers and Responsible Individuals) (Wales) Regulations and this issue will be picked up as part of that.

The Agricultural Wages (Wales) Order 2025 - Issue will be addressed in the next Order. The Agricultural Advisory Panel submits the annual draft order to the Welsh Ministers but the timing of the next Order is currently unknown.

I am copying this letter to the First Minister.

Yours sincerely,



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