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Dear David

CLA362 – The Leasehold Valuation Tribunal (Fees) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2014

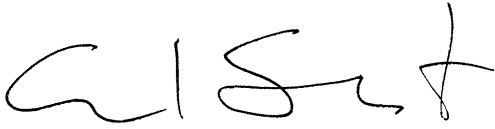
Thank you for your letter of 13 March in relation to the Committee's consideration of the above Statutory Instrument. I am pleased that the Committee is now content with the statutory instrument following concerns raised about the context.

As you rightly point out, the 'Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) (No 3) Regulations 2008 made consequential changes to nine sets of Welsh regulations, but only made those changes to the English text. The Department of Work and Pensions have been made aware of the need to amend the Welsh legislation in both languages. In the case of bilingual statutory instruments, the Welsh Government asked the Wales Office to take the matter up with UK Government colleagues to ensure that UK Government Departments request translated amendments from the Welsh Government for insertion into UK statutory instruments.

I note the point that Committee would have expected to see specific commentary regarding regulation 2(4)(c) in the Explanatory Memorandum and can only apologise at this oversight as it ought to have been mentioned in the Explanatory Memorandum. I have alerted my officials to this to avoid any occurrence in future.

In the light of Committee concerns about the omission of bi-lingual amendments from the 'Employment and Support Allowance (Consequential Provisions) (No 3) Regulations 2008', the Welsh Government will carry out further checks to the Welsh and English texts of any other sets of bilingual regulations amended in English only by these Regulations. This will be done to ensure that any necessary amendments needed to align the Welsh text with the English have been made.

I trust you will find this information helpful.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Sargeant'.

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