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Dear David,

I am writing in relation to your letter of 10 February regarding the making of subordinate legislation which is dependent on the Chancellor's Autumn Statement.

I welcome your suggestions for ways in which the process for making such subordinate legislation can be improved and agree there are steps that can be taken to assist the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee (CLAC) in its scrutiny process.

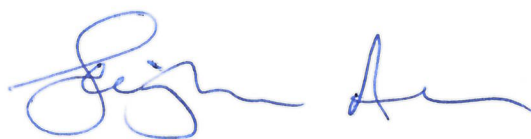
I will endeavour to write to you by 31 October to advise you of the expected date of the Chancellor's Autumn Statement and to provide you with notice of subordinate legislation which I will potentially need to make together with any associated timescales and constraints. However, this will not be definitive as advance notice of policy measures the Chancellor intends to announce, along with any consequential funding, is not normally provided in advance of his Statement.

Where possible, I will also seek to adhere to the second and third points you propose. I cannot guarantee this as such subordinate legislation is dependent on a number of factors which are outside my control. This includes the timely provision of information from UK Government departments.

In addition to this, the consequences of not making such subordinate legislation within the time constraints are significant, for example, not reflecting cost of living increases in the amount of Council Tax support applicants receive or delaying Local Authorities' budget setting preparations.

I would like to reiterate my thanks to the Committee for its assistance in the making of the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements and Default Scheme) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and the Non-Domestic Rating (Multiplier) (Wales) (No.2) Order 2014 and I look forward to working with you in the new financial year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Leighton Andrews', written in a cursive style.

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