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Dear Huw

Welsh Language Standards Regulations

I recently received an e-mail from Manon Elin, the Chair of Cymdeithas yr Iaith Gymraeg's Language Rights Group about forthcoming regulations to give effect to new Welsh Language Standards. I attach the text of her e-mail and my reply.

As you may be aware regulations for a similar purpose to the ones now expected were laid toward the end of the last Assembly but were not subsequently approved by the Assembly.

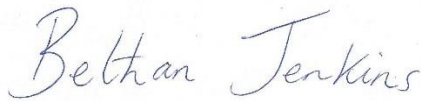
While the precise timing is a matter for the Welsh Government, I understand that the regulations, which are affirmative resolution and will require approval by the full Assembly, are expected to be laid soon. I also understand that they will then be scrutinised by your Committee under Standing Order 21 and 27.

Standing Orders provide for other Assembly Committees to scrutinise subordinate legislation if notice is given and within a specified timeframe. I would not want to pre-empt any decision by my Committee about whether it would want to scrutinise these particular regulations. However, given our other work, I think the timeframes involved may make scrutiny by CWLC an impractical proposition.



Your Committee will of course consider as a matter of course whether the Assembly should pay special attention to these regulations on 'technical' grounds under Standing Order 21.2. However, given the background and the views expressed by Cymdeithas yr Iaith, I would be grateful if you could also consider whether your Committee should also report under Standing Order 21.3 on the 'merits' of the regulations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bethan Jenkins". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Bethan Jenkins AM
Chair

