

Jane Hutt AM
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Welsh Government

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Dear Jane

SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION

We reported recently on two items of subordinate legislation, the *Statutory Guidance, Historic Environment Records in Wales: Compilation and the Use and Code of Practice for Species Control Provisions in Wales* and reported to the Assembly.

The Committee reports for both pieces of subordinate legislation highlighted that they could have been drafted in a clearer way to help public bodies understand what they may do, what they should do and what they must do, and the consequences of not doing any of those things.

We are broadly content with the government responses we have subsequently received.

However, the issues raised in these reports have a relevance across all Ministerial and government departments. I would therefore be grateful if the issues we raise in the reports could be drawn more widely to their attention to ensure that statutory guidance and codes of practice are drafted to ensure that those to whom they apply are absolutely clear about what the legislation expects of them.

I also enclose for information a copy of a letter we have sent to the Counsel General on a similar issue.



I am copying this letter to Mick Antoniw AM, Counsel General, Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure and Lesley Griffiths AM, Cabinet Secretary for Environment and Rural Affairs.

Yours sincerely

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