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Dr Dai Lloyd AM
Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee
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Dear Dai,

Thank you for your letter of 20 July 2017 regarding the commencement of and timetable for implementing sections 2 and 3 of the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017.

These sections place a duty on Welsh Ministers to develop, publish, implement and review a national strategy on preventing and reducing obesity in Wales. During the scrutiny of the Act by the National Assembly for Wales, I emphasised that the successful implementation of the strategy would require extensive engagement with a broad range of stakeholders throughout its development stage.

My intention is that the commencement order relating to sections 2 and 3 of the Act should be made at the earliest opportunity in October 2017 and that the strategy should be completed within an 18-24 month time period. I believe that this should allow sufficient time for the involvement of key stakeholders in its development, a formal public consultation and debate on this important work in the Siambr.

I have asked the Chief Medical Officer, Dr Frank Atherton, to lead the development work, which will be overseen by a Strategy Development Board with representation from key stakeholders and senior policy officials from across the Welsh Government. I will be pleased to provide updates to colleagues as the work progresses.

Yours

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