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Dear Mick,

This letter is to inform you I have laid a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum in the National Assembly for Wales in respect of the Veterinary Surgeons and Animal Welfare (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, as required by Standing Order 30A.

I am not minded to lay a motion for debate about this SI in this instance. I have reached this decision on the basis our interest in this SI is restricted to operability amendments that will arise as a result of the UK leaving the EU.

The SI provision covers operability amendments in relation to the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 and the Animal Health Act 2006, and there is no divergence in policy between the Welsh Government and the UK Government in this case.

Given the volume of legislation the Assembly is considering, I do not believe a debate on this SI would be a productive use of valuable Plenary time. However, SO30A provides that any member may table a motion for a debate on this SI and I would be happy to participate in a debate, should one be held.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Lesley Griffiths'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'L' and 'G'.

Lesley Griffiths AC/AM

Gweinidog yr Amgylchedd, Ynni a Materion Gwledig
Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs