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Dear Mick,

Thank you for your letter on the Welsh Government's plans for legislation in the next term.

The programme of EU Exit SIs is now largely completed, though we are anticipating that the Welsh Ministers will be asked to consent to approximately 20 further UK SIs between this month and spring 2020 as an outline estimation. We will be laying SO30C written statements for each of these SIs, though until the drafting of these SIs has been finalised we are not able to predict how many will require a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum.

We are not intending to lay any further Welsh EU Exit SIs for sifting to be in force by the 31 October exit day. There may be a small number of EU Exit SIs laid for sifting over the coming two years, to address matters which are not critical for exit day. We are anticipating that a couple of EU Exit SIs subject to the affirmative procedure will be laid in the National Assembly after summer recess.

With regards to the Welsh Government's business as usual subordinate legislation, the nature of this work can mean that items regularly need to be brought forward at pace in response to events or identified issues, resulting in the rescheduling of less urgent items. As a consequence I am not able to provide a response to your request which would not likely be subject to change. Based on activity in the autumn term of previous years, the Welsh Ministers would normally expect to make approximately 50 items of business as usual subordinate legislation between 1 September and 31 December, however the impact of EU Exit may mean the level of activity is different this autumn.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

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.

The Counsel General and Brexit Minister has written to you separately to provide an update on the section 109 Order.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebecca". The script is cursive and fluid.

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