

Huw Irranca–Davies MS
Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

10 March 2023

Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

Dear Huw,

Thank you for your letter of 22 February drawing our attention to two recommendations in your report on the Welsh Government’s Legislative Consent Memoranda on the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, which are relevant to the Business Committee:

Recommendation 5. If the 23 June 2026 sunset date remains in the Bill, the Business Committee, in its preparation for the Seventh Senedd, should ensure that its successor is aware that there will be a priority need for an appropriate committee to be urgently established so that regulations to be made before that sunset date may be considered and, further, that Plenary sittings may be needed for Members of the new Seventh Senedd to consider and vote on any regulations subject to the draft affirmative procedure.

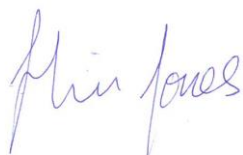
Recommendation 14. The Business Committee should urgently consider whether the autumn term should be extended to 22 December 2023, in order to accommodate additional meetings of this Committee and additional Plenary sittings which may be required for the consideration of regulations arising from the Bill.

We considered these recommendations at our meeting on 28 February and agreed to return to *Recommendation 14* in the coming weeks when confirming recess dates for

the autumn term, including the Christmas 2023 recess. We will do this with the requirements of the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill, in terms of committee and Plenary sitting time, in mind and will provide you with a further update then.

In relation to Recommendation 5, we will return to this matter when considering our legacy work towards the end of the Sixth Senedd, including any recommendations that we wish to make to our successor committee at that time. This will be informed, of course, by the final shape of the legislation and the position around subordinate legislation at that time.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elin Jones', is positioned below the text 'Kind regards,'.

The Rt Hon. Elin Jones MS

Y Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.