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me David,

CONTROL OF HORSES (WALES) BILL

I propose to introduce this Bill into the Assembly on 14 October to provide local authorities across Wales with the relevant powers and necessary tools to deal with the nuisance of fly grazing in time for the coming winter months when this problem is often at its height. Business Committee has today agreed the timetable for Assembly consideration, and agreed that this Bill will not be referred to a Committee at Stage 1.

I am conscious that in seeking to ensure the Bill completes all stages of Assembly consideration before Christmas Recess, so as to allow the Act to come into force in January (subject to Royal Assent), your Committee will not be given the opportunity of the usual Stage 1 scrutiny process. However, I would like to offer to attend a meeting of the Committee to give evidence prior to the debate on the general principles of the Bill which is set for 22 October, if that would be helpful.

If you are content with this proposal perhaps the Clerk would contact my Diary Secretary (<u>DS.Minister.For.NRF@wales.gsi.gov.uk</u> or 029 2089 8456).

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