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Dear Huw,

I am writing to inform the Committee of the intention to consent to the UK Government making the Procurement Act 2023 (Commencement No.2) Regulations 2024.

I received a letter from the Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet Office, Alex Burghart MP on 13 February 2024, asking for consent to these Regulations.

In order to implement the new procurement regime under the Procurement Act 2023 (the Act), Commencement Regulations need to be laid under section 127 of the Act to bring certain provisions into force. UK Government will make these Commencement Regulations in accordance with section 127(3) of the Act and therefore require the consent of the Welsh Ministers.

The Welsh Ministers intend to consent to these Commencement Regulations to allow substantive regulations to be laid before the Senedd.

There will be further Commencement Regulations which will commence further provisions in the Procurement Act 2023 and will set up the transitional provisions which will determine the relationship between the current and new procurement regimes. Those Commencement Regulations will also require the consent of the Welsh Ministers. Where consent is given to commencement of further provisions in the Act, I will continue to inform the Senedd and your committee through the written statement process.

Yours sincerely,

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