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Dear David

Thank you for your email of 17 May in relation to Acts of Religious Worship.

The Welsh Government has considered a range of issues around the rights protected by the Human Rights Act 1998, equalities legislation and the UNCRC. Those issues are complex and for that reason we have taken some time to consider those issues in great detail. We recognise that this process is taking some time. However, it is important that great care is taken to ensure we achieve the correct balance between the competing interests in this area. That process is ongoing but is nearing completion. I regret that until that process is fully complete it would not be appropriate to comment further at this stage.

I cannot give a definitive answer as to when I will be in a position to provide a substantive response to the Committee. However I recognise the importance of this work and it is for that reason my officials are taking the time necessary to get it right.

I hope this letter clarifies the current position and reassures you I am fully considering the issues you have raised.

Yours sincerely

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