

Julie James AM
Leader of the House and Chief Whip
Welsh Government

8 October 2018

Dear Julie,

Changes to Standing Order relating to section 116C Orders in Council

I refer to the report of the Business Committee on proposals to amend Standing Orders relating to the scrutiny of Orders in Council under section 116C of the *Government of Wales Act 2006*.

In previous correspondence with the Business Committee, we were advised that the Welsh Government considered it problematic to amend the existing Standing Order 25, which concerns the scrutiny of Orders in Council under section 109 of the 2006 Act. We would be grateful for an explanation as to why the Welsh Government consider it problematic to subject Orders in Council under section 116C of the 2006 Act to the same scrutiny process as those under section 109.

We would also welcome an explanation as to why you felt the new procedure should be included in Standing Order 27, rather than a new Standing Order 25A. As we explained in our letter to the Business Committee of 12 April 2018, we believe that creating a new Standing Order would have been a clearer, neater and more accessible way to proceed.

We note the commitments given by the Welsh Government in the Business Committee report at paragraph 10. We would be grateful if you could explain why the Cabinet Secretary is only prepared to meet with the Chair rather than the Committee as a whole.

Given that such a meeting would follow a meeting with the Joint Exchequer Committee, it would be helpful if you could indicate how you intend to notify us in advance of when the meetings with the Joint Exchequer Committee are to take place.



I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mick Antoniw

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

