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Dear Mick

This letter is to inform you that I have laid a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum in the National Assembly for Wales in respect of The Public Procurement (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 ("the Regulations"), as required by Standing Order 30A. The Regulations contain amendments to Section 155 (2) and (3) of the Equality Act 2010.

I am not minded to lay a motion for a debate about this SI in this instance. I have reached this decision on the basis that this SI is restricted to making corrections to the deficiencies in law that will arise as a result of the UK leaving the EU.

The SI makes technical amendments to the Equality Act 2010 and there is no divergence in policy between the Welsh Government and the UK Government in this case.

Given the volume of legislation that the Assembly is considering, I do not believe that a debate on this SI would be a productive use of valuable Plenary time. However, SO30A provides that any member may table a motion for a debate on this SI, and I would be happy to participate in a debate, should one be held.

Yours sincerely

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