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Dear Mick,

I am writing in response to your letter of 11 December, to my predecessor as First Minister, regarding the written statements for The Air Quality (Amendment of Domestic Regulations) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018 and The Air Quality (Miscellaneous Amendment and Revocation of Retained Direct EU Legislation) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018.

I can confirm that the inaccuracies in the written statements were a result of a clerical error. The written statements have been corrected and re-issued. My officials have reviewed other written statements which have been laid in relation to UK EU Exit SIs in light of your letter and have identified a similar error in the written statement for The Marketing of Seeds and Plant Propagating Material (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2018. This written statement has also been re-issued in corrected form. The revised written statements are attached to this letter for ease of reference. My officials have since introduced a revised approach for checking written statements before they are issued, to avoid repeating such errors.

I appreciate that errors in written statements make it more challenging to assess the impact UK EU Exit SIs will have in Wales and we are endeavouring to avoid further occurrences of this kind.

I thank you for your diligence and for your detailed consideration of the UK EU Exit SIs.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark".

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