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Llyr Gruffydd AM
Chair, Finance Committee
National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Llyr,

LEGISLATION (WALES) BILL

The purpose of this letter is to inform the Committee that I have today laid a revised Explanatory Memorandum to the Bill before the National Assembly. The Memorandum reflects the changes made to the Bill during the Stage 2 proceedings.

One of those changes was to section 2(7) which now provides for an annual report to the National Assembly on progress made under programmes to improve the accessibility of Welsh law. Paragraph 161 of the Explanatory Memorandum (and Table 6) covers the annual report, but I also draw your attention to new paragraphs 217 and 218 which cover post-implementation review. You will see this reflects commitments already given by the Government to review the effectiveness of the Bill mid-way through the first programme to be brought forward under Part 1 (i.e. in 2023), and takes account of this Committee's report in Stage 1 (particularly recommendation 2).

I also confirm, in line with recommendation 3 of the Committee's report, that the RIA has been updated to provide further information on the financial implications for policy staff not costed in the RIA – see particularly paragraphs 145 and 146.

Yours sincerely,

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