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Huw Irranca-Davies MS  
Chair, Legislation Justice & Constitution Committee  
Senedd Cymru  
Cardiff Bay  
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8 November 2022

Dear Huw,

I am writing in relation to the timescales for the making of subordinate legislation in connection with the implementation of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (*'the 2016 Act'*) on 1 December.

The Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2022 are due to be debated in Plenary on 8 November. If these Regulations receive the Senedd's approval, I anticipate that this will allow a connected set of the regulations, to be known as the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Saving and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2022 (*'the Saving and Transitional Regulations'*), to be made using the negative procedure.

However, there is another set of draft regulations, which connect to and are likely to be dependent on the Saving and Transitional Regulations that I anticipate laying once the Saving and Transitional Regulations have been made. These Regulations, which I anticipate will be called Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Amendment of Schedule 12 and Consequential Amendment) Regulations 2022 (*'the Amendment of Schedule 12 and Consequential Amendment Regulations'*), would be subject to the affirmative procedure and would be debated by the Senedd on 29 November so that, if they are approved, they could come into force in time for the implementation of the 2016 Act on 1 December.

The necessary sequencing of these events means that would not be possible to lay the Amendment of Schedule 12 and Consequential Amendment Regulations a full 20 days in advance of them being debated on 29 November. My expectation is that they would be laid on 10 November. In the light of this, I should be very grateful if the Committee would

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consider expediting their scrutiny of the revised regulations to enable the Plenary debate to take place at the end of November.

The Committee's assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Your sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Julie" and the last name "James" written in a single continuous line.

**Julie James AS/MS**  
Y Gweinidog Newid Hinsawdd  
Minister for Climate Change