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Dear Jane

### **Subordinate legislation deriving from EU law**

I am writing to advise you of a slight change to the way in which we report on some subordinate legislation as a result of the UK's impending exit from the European Union (EU). I should emphasise that we do not see this change as requiring any additional work for the Welsh Government.

The Committee agreed at its meeting on 12 June to report on subordinate legislation that derives from EU law (using Standing order 21.3(ii), for statutory instruments and Standing Order 21.7(v), for other relevant subordinate legislation).

The purpose of this approach would be to promote awareness of subordinate legislation that derives from EU law and, in particular, inform the Assembly about how EU law works on a day-to-day basis. This in turn may help increase understanding of the impacts of exiting the EU in certain policy areas, help Committees in their scrutiny functions and also provide some insight relevant to UK Government negotiations on exiting the EU.

We do not consider that the Welsh Government will routinely need to provide a response on reporting points that relate to this new additional EU-related information, as they are not likely to be matters of concern to be addressed. In the unlikely event that a Government response would be required, this will be clearly stated in the report.



The Clerking and legal team that support the Committee will continue to keep in regular contact with counterparts in the Welsh Government's Legislative Programme and Governance Unit and legal teams to ensure this change operates smoothly.

Yours sincerely

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Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

