

Rebecca Evans MS,  
Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

4 August 2020

Dear Rebecca

**Welsh Government written statement - The Cleaner Road Transport Vehicles (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

At our meeting on 3 August 2020, we considered the Welsh Government's written statement on The Cleaner Road Transport Vehicles (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, and noted that these Regulations are proposed to be made by the UK Government pursuant to section 8(1) of, and paragraph 21 of Schedule 7 to, the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (the 2018 Act).

We further noted that these Regulations use powers in the 2018 Act to correct deficiencies in EU-derived legislation that regulates the environmental impact of public sector and utilities' procurement of vehicles, in order to ensure that the legal framework that regulates relevant public procurement of vehicles continues to function correctly at the end of the transition period.

The written statement states the following to explain why the Welsh Government gave its consent to the making of these Regulations, in so far as they impact on devolved matters:

"As the corrections proposed are technical in nature there is no divergence between the Welsh Government and the UK Government on the policy for the amendments and the substance of the amendments are not considered politically sensitive. This is in line with the principles for correcting agreed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee on European Transition."

The written statement contains very little detail, and it does not identify which, if any, legislative powers of the Senedd or executive powers of the Welsh Ministers are affected by the Regulations, which is a requirement of Standing Order 30C.3(ii).

Further, we have noted that the Regulations were laid before the UK Parliament on 13 July 2020 and subsequently withdrawn on 15 July 2020. New regulations were laid on 15 July 2020. It is not clear from the written statement whether the Welsh Government consented to the later, current version of the Regulations.



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We would be grateful if you would provide urgent clarification regarding which, if any, legislative powers of the Senedd or executive powers of the Welsh Ministers are affected by the Regulations.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Mick Antoniw AM**  
**Chair**

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