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Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

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Annwyl Lywydd

<u>Scrutiny of the Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Environment Bill</u>

On 14 May 2020, I wrote jointly with Mike Hedges MS, Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee, in relation to the deadline set for our committees' consideration of the Welsh Government's Legislative Consent Memorandum on the UK Environment Bill (the Bill).

At that time, our request for an extension to our reporting deadline was due in part to the delays to the Bill's progress through the UK Parliament. I am aware that the House of Commons has agreed to further extend the period in which the relevant Public Bill Committee can complete its work on the Bill, moving the deadline from 25 June to 29 September 2020.

Given these further delays to the Parliamentary timetable, and the fact that a significant amount of our time has also been taken up by Covid-related business and a number of other Welsh Government legislative consent memoranda, we would be grateful if the Business Committee would agree to further extending the reporting deadline to 17 July 2020.

More generally, I would like to ask that the Business Committee considers inviting the Trefnydd to provide more regular updates on the progress of UK Bills which are the subject of Welsh Government legislative consent memoranda, so that reporting deadlines set by

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the Business Committee for Senedd committees continue to be appropriate and could be routinely extended as necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.