

Lesley Griffiths MS

Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

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Dear Lesley

The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020

I would like to invite you to our committee meeting on the morning of Monday 14 September 2020 to assist in our scrutiny of The Greenhouse Gas Emissions Trading Scheme Order 2020, which was laid before the Senedd on 15 July.

While I note that it is the Welsh Government's intention to hold a Plenary debate on the Order on 4 November 2020, under Standing Order 21.4 the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee must report on the Order by 29 September.

Therefore, I would be grateful if you would confirm your availability for the session on 14 September 2020 (9.30-10.30am) at your earliest convenience.

Further, I note from your letter of 15 July 2020 to Mike Hedges MS, the Chair of the Climate Change, Energy and Rural Affairs (CCERA) Committee, that there are important documents outstanding which will have an impact on our scrutiny of the Order. These are the Framework Outline Agreement, which you state will set out the rationale for establishing the framework, the decision-making and governance arrangements, and a concordat between the Ministers from all four governments.

In your letter you state that you will share the Agreement and concordat with the CCERA Committee for scrutiny as they are finalised and before they are presented to the JMC(EN). Please can you confirm, as soon as possible, when these documents will be made available to the CCERA Committee, our committee, and the other relevant Senedd Committees. I would like to highlight that we have an obligation under Standing Orders to report on the Order within 20 days, and we expect the information to be provided to us in time for it to assist our scrutiny. In addition, please could you advise us of when the relevant JMC(EN) meeting, of which you refer to in your letter, will take place.



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Finally, in your letter you state that a further Order (using the negative procedure) which addresses some of the technical detail of the ETS will be brought forward towards the end of 2020. I would be grateful if you would provide further clarity on the content of, and the timescales for, this second Order.

Yours sincerely

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

Mick Antoniw MS
Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

