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Dear Both

Breaches of the 21 day rule

At our meetings on 5, 12 and 19 October 2020, we considered **The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 12) Regulations 2020, The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Residential Tenancies: Protection from Eviction) (Wales) Regulations 2020, The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 13) Regulations 2020 and The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (Wales) (Amendment) (No. 14) Regulations 2020.**

Our subsequent reports noted that the instruments were laid in **breach of the 21 day rule**, and the reasons for doing so as set out in the Minister for Finance and Trefnydd's respective letters to the Llywydd.

We have noted 12 such breaches since our meeting on 14 September 2020. We continue to accept that there may be valid reasons for these breaches, and we acknowledge that the majority of the regulations named above relate to urgent international travel restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the making of The Coronavirus Act 2020 (Residential Tenancies: Protection from Eviction) (Wales) Regulations 2020 is one such occasion where the justification for a breach of the 21 day rule has not been appropriately explained, and I am writing separately with regards to these Regulations.

We will continue to monitor the frequency and circumstances of future breaches of the 21 day rule.

Yours sincerely



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