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Llywydd
Chair, Business Committee

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Dear Llywydd

The Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill

Following our evidence session with Julie James MS, the Minister for Climate Change today, we remain unclear as to the reasons for the decision to adopt an expedited procedure for the Senedd's consideration of the Environmental Protection (Single-use Plastic Products) (Wales) Bill. The Minister herself could not tell us what reasons were put forward to the Business Committee by the Welsh Government.

We would be grateful if the Business Committee could advise of the reasons advanced by the Welsh Government for seeking an expedited process on 12 July, 20 and 27 September 2022, and the reasons for the Business Committee's decision to accept an expedited process.

On a related point, we would also be grateful if we could be sent a copy of the Business Committee report, in respect of the Bill's consideration, under Standing Order 26.10A.

We also note the letter from the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, Llyr Gruffydd MS, dated 23 September 2022 and would welcome receiving a copy of the Business Committee's response.

We would be grateful to receive this information by Thursday 7 October so that our report to be laid before the Senedd in time for the Stage 1 debate on 11 October can fully reflect the issues.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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