

Rebecca Evans MS

Minister for Finance and Local Government

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Dear Rebecca

The Non-Domestic Rates (Chargeable Amounts) Regulations 2022

Thank you for your letter of 8 November informing us that, should it be necessary to lay the Non-Domestic Rates (Chargeable Amounts) Regulations 2022, it is likely that the timetable for their scrutiny will need to be expedited.

We acknowledge your explanation that this is as a result of the UK Government's Autumn Statement being scheduled for 17 November and the need for the Welsh Government to have all available information before making a policy decision on these Regulations.

We are aware that any Regulations must follow the draft affirmative procedure and must be in force prior to 1 January of the year of a revaluation.

You have told us that draft Regulations may not be available to be laid until 6 December, with the intention of their being debated on 13 December. We welcome your acknowledgement that this provides a much compressed timetable for our consideration of the draft Regulations and we thank you for seeking, well in advance, our assistance in expediting scrutiny, should that be needed.

We, and our supporting Senedd Commission officials, will do our best to undertake scrutiny of the draft Regulations within the required timeframes.

You may be aware that we have also received a request from the Minister for Climate Change to expedite our consideration of regulations to facilitate the implementation of the *Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016*.

I would ask that you keep us, and our officials, updated with relevant developments.

Yours sincerely,

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