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Huw Irranca-Davies MS
Chair
Legislation Justice & Constitution Committee
Senedd Cymru
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3 April 2023

Dear Huw,

I am writing in relation to the timescales for the making of subordinate legislation in connection with the implementation of the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (*'the 2016 Act'*).

Regrettably, consequential amendments to the Rent Act 1977 were not included in the Renting Homes (Wales) Act 2016 (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2022, which were made on 9 November and came into force on 1 December. This has left the statute book in an uncertain position which may have significant consequences for both tenants and landlords.

Separately, the need to make an amendment to Schedule 12 of the 2016 Act before 31 May 2023, regarding the issuing of written statements of occupation contracts, has also been identified.

I therefore intend to bring forward two affirmative statutory instruments addressing both of these matters. I intend to lay the regulations by 25 April at the latest.

In view of the urgency associated with making both sets of regulations, I wish to draw them to your attention and the importance of them being debated on 16 May 2023 at the latest.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The Committee's assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Your sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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