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Delyth Jewell MS
Chair
Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee
Senedd Cymru

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Dear Delyth,

Further to my commitment to work closely with the Committee as we move forward with the programme of introducing Welsh Language standards regulations, I am writing to inform the Committee that shortly I intend to lay the draft Welsh Language Standards (No. 9) Regulations 2023 before the Senedd.

These Regulations will make Standards specifically applicable to water and sewerage undertakers who come under the following headings in Schedule 8 to the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011 ("the Measure"):

- Persons who, by virtue of an appointment under section 6 of the Water Industry Act 1991, or by virtue of a variation of such appointment under section 7 of that Act, are water undertakers for the whole or any part of Wales.
- Persons who, by virtue of an appointment under section 6 of the Water Industry Act 1991, or by virtue of a variation of such appointment under section 7 of that Act, are sewerage undertakers for the whole or any part of Wales.

A consultation was held on draft Regulations between 15 February and 5 April 2023. This was the second consultation held on draft standards for this sector as one was previously held in 2017. A summary report of the consultation responses will also be published on the Welsh Government website on the same day as the Regulations are laid, and my intention is to hold a Plenary debate on these Regulations on 19 September 2023.

Yours sincerely,

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