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Llŷr Gruffydd MS
Chair
Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee
Welsh Parliament

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Dear Llŷr,

On 22nd May I gave evidence to the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee in connection with progress towards Wales' climate change commitments. During the session I committed to write to the Committee with an update on progress towards the development of interim recycling targets to maintain our trajectory towards zero waste by 2050.

Although the 70% recycling target has only just come into effect for the financial year 2024/25, we are committed to working in partnership with Local Authorities in developing the future recycling targets that will keep us on the trajectory to achieve zero waste by 2050. This work will take into account the Workplace Recycling and other planned reforms due to come into force over the next few years such as the Extended Producer Responsibility scheme for packaging and Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for drinks containers. It also includes work to update the Welsh Government's Blueprint Collections best practice standard, which will help inform the action Local Authorities take to deliver beyond 70% recycling.

Thank you for a very constructive session and I look forward to reading the Committee's report in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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