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**Constitutional and Legislative
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Dear Minister

**CLA37 - The Single Use Carrier Bags Charge (Wales) (Amendment)
Regulations 2011**

The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee considered the above Statutory Instrument at its meeting on 19 September 2011 and agreed that I should bring to your attention the Committee's report made under Standing Order 21.3 on the merits of the Instrument.

The Committee agreed to invite the Assembly to pay special attention to this Instrument on the grounds "that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Assembly" (Standing Order 21.3(ii)).

The Committee's report was laid in the Table Office on 23 September 2011 and is attached for information. I would be grateful if you could consider the report and let the Committee have your response in due course. In particular, the Committee noted that the Regulations are to come into effect on 1 October. The Committee understood that the Welsh Government has kept informed those with an interest in the changes these Regulations introduce. Nevertheless, Members expressed some concern that the Regulations were published very close to the coming into force date for what is a significant new policy.

I am copying this report to the First Minister for information and have also arranged for the report and this letter to be drawn to the attention of Assembly Members.

Yours sincerely

David Melding AM
Chair, Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee