

Rebecca Evans MS
Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

15 March 2021

Dear Rebecca

Standing Order 30C Written Statement - The Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Kyoto Protocol Registry) (Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021

At our meeting this week we considered the Welsh Government's written statement in relation to **The Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Kyoto Protocol Registry) (Amendments) (EU Exit) Regulations 2021** (the Regulations).

We noted that the written statement gives notification that the Welsh Government has consented to the making of these Regulations for reasons of efficiency and expediency. The written statement also notes that the Regulations amend the *Environment Act 1995* as it applies to "charging authorities", and we are aware that The Natural Resources Body for Wales is a charging authority.

Insofar as the Regulations amend the *Environment Act 1995* in devolved areas, we would welcome clarification as to why:

- a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum has not been laid before the Senedd, and
- the approach to the Kyoto Protocol scheme does not follow the joint UK-wide approach of the **Greenhouse Gas Emission Trading Scheme**.

It also appears that the written statement incorrectly cites the name of the Regulations. The correct name, as set out in the Regulations laid before the UK Parliament, is The Greenhouse Gas Emissions (Kyoto Protocol Registry) Regulations 2021.



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Given that our last meeting of the Fifth Senedd is scheduled to take place next Monday, 22 March, I would welcome a response from you by noon this coming Friday, 19 March.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mick Antoniw MS

Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

