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Chair, Culture, Communications,
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Cardiff Bay, CF99 1SN

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Dear Delyth,

Thank you for your letter dated 21 August regarding the Committee's approach to consideration of the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill. I can confirm that the Government intends to introduce the Bill during the autumn term, subject to the Llywydd's Determination.

The Counsel General and Minister for Delivery confirmed our intention to make full use of the available time to introduce new legislation this Senedd term by bringing forward a number of Bills in the final year of the Senedd during the annual Legislative Statement. As such, I am keen to work with the Committee to ensure that you are able to make the most of the limited time remaining this Senedd term to scrutinise the Bill to the fullest extent possible.

A bilingual copy of the draft Bill has been published on the Welsh Government website and can be found at the following link [The Prohibition of Greyhound Racing \(Wales\) Bill](#). Please note that this is not a final version, and that it is possible that there could be changes as required by the Determination process before it is introduced to the Senedd.

In addition, please find attached an English only copy of the draft Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment. I would be grateful if this could be considered in confidence until publication at introduction.

The key stakeholders for this Bill are the members of the [Greyhound Racing Ban Implementation Group](#), representing a broad spectrum of the sectors who may be affected by the legislation, and the [Greyhound Board of Great Britain](#) as the regulator for licensed greyhound racing.

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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.

With appropriate caveats and rationale, I intend to share an in-confidence English-only copy of the draft Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment with these stakeholders. This would give them the opportunity to consider, at an early stage, the proposals in the draft Bill and inform their oral and written evidence.

As you note in your letter, these are exceptional circumstances which require a creative approach, and we would not want this to set a precedent.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Huw Irranca-Davies', written in a cursive style.

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