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The Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill

Dear Huw,

Thank you for your letter of 11 September 2025 regarding the Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Wales) Bill, which we considered at our meeting on 17 September.

We note that you are “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”. On that basis, we would be grateful if you could offer your full co-operation and flexibility in arranging ministerial evidence sessions as we will be working towards an extremely tight Stage 1 deadline. As a committee, we are committed to fulfilling our scrutiny responsibilities as effectively as possible in the limited time available to use.

In our letter of 21 August 2025, we asked whether you could share your views as to whether the proposed judicial review challenge of the decision to ban greyhound racing in Wales affects plans to introduce the Bill. We note that your response confirms “that the Government intends to introduce the Bill during the autumn term, subject to the Llywydd’s Determination”. However, there is no reference to the judicial review application in your letter. We would be grateful if you could update the Committee on its status because, at this stage, we do not have any information beyond the media reports, which is concerning. We expect to be kept up to date in relation to the application for judicial review, specifically whether there are ‘active proceedings’, and any implications that would flow from that in relation to Stage 1 scrutiny.



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We are grateful to the Welsh Government for publishing the draft Bill in advance, enabling stakeholders to begin considering its proposals and inform preparing their evidence. We are, however, disappointed that the draft Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment have not been shared with all stakeholders. I note that you have shared these documents with “key stakeholders”, but it is surely for the Committee to determine who the stakeholders are for scrutiny purposes. I would therefore be grateful for your permission for the Committee to share an in-confidence copy of the draft Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment with our stakeholders.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Business Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.