

Rebecca Evans AM  
Minister for Finance and Trefnydd

21 March 2019

Dear Rebecca

**Amending subordinate legislation - timescales**

The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee considered The Exotic Diseases in Animals (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Wales) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 and The Sea Fishing (Penalty Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2019 at its meeting on 18 March 2019.

Our reports to the National Assembly highlighted technical issues with the above mentioned subordinate legislation.

In its response to our report on the Regulations, the Welsh Government said:

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"Welsh Government acknowledges the point. An amendment will be made at the next available opportunity."

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The Welsh Government response to our report on the Order stated:

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"An SI amending the Sea Fishing (Penalty Notices) (Wales) Order 2019 to address [the] issue will be laid before the Assembly as soon as possible."

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On 20 March, we note and welcome that The Sea Fishing (Penalty Notices) (Wales) (Amendment) Order 2019 was laid before the Assembly.

More generally, in recent months we have received a number of Welsh Government responses to our reports where we have identified technical issues with subordinate legislation in which the Welsh Government has, in varying ways, given an undertaken to bring forward amending subordinate legislation.



We would be grateful for information on what policy the Welsh Government follows when determining 'the next available opportunity', for example, and when and why 'as soon as possible' is assessed to be the appropriate timescale for any necessary amending subordinate legislation.

Yours sincerely

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**Mick Antoniw AM**

Chair

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

