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Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
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Dear Mick,

This letter is to inform you that I have laid a Statutory Instrument Consent Memorandum in the Senedd in respect of the Public Procurement (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 ("the Regulations"), as required by Standing Order 30A.

The Regulations contain amendments to section 155 (2) and (3) of the Equality Act 2010 and I consider the Regulations to be a relevant statutory instrument under Standing Order 30A as they make a provision in relation to Wales amending primary legislation within the legislative competence of the Senedd, which is not incidental, consequential, transitional, transitory, supplementary or savings provisions relating to matters that are not within the legislative competence of the Senedd.

The Regulations make amendments to the Equality Act 2010 to correct deficiencies that arise as a result of the UK leaving the EU and to ensure that the relevant provision of the Equality Act 2010 can continue to operate effectively at the end of the transition period. The amendments are technical in nature, and there is no divergence in policy between the Welsh Government and the UK Government in this case.

As the Regulations amend primary legislation and that amendment is within the legislative competence of the Senedd, a statutory instrument consent motion will be tabled and a debate schedule

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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.

The Regulations are subject to the draft affirmative procedure in Parliament and are due to be laid on 7 October 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane', with a horizontal line above the first letter.

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