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Annwyl Lywydd

### **Draft Standing Orders for a Consolidation Bills procedure**

Thank you for your letter of 10 July 2019, which we considered at our meeting this afternoon, asking for the Committee's views on the proposed procedure for the scrutiny of Consolidation Bills.

We would like to accept the offer of a briefing from Business Committee and Welsh Government officials. I have asked the committee clerks to liaise with the Business Committee secretariat and government officials to make the necessary arrangements.

We believe that improving the accessibility of Welsh law is a matter of great importance and necessity. For that reason, we are keen to ensure that the processes by which Welsh law will be consolidated are appropriately transparent and robust.

You will be aware that the Counsel General has given a commitment to issue a position statement on codification and consolidation in the summer, subject to the National Assembly passing the Legislation (Wales) Bill. We had already taken the decision to invite the Counsel General to discuss the position statement at a meeting in the autumn term. Given the key role of government in bringing forward Consolidation Bills, we believe it is important that we look to do this in parallel with our consideration of the Business Committee's proposed procedure, so that our response to you is informed by the Counsel General's views and plans for consolidating Welsh law.



For that reason, we anticipate that we will be in a position to share with you our views on this matter in the latter part of the autumn term.

This letter is copied to the Counsel General and Trefnydd.

Yours sincerely

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

**Mick Antoniw AM**

Chair

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

