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ENVIRONMENT (AIR QUALITY AND SOUNDSCAPES) (WALES) BILL – STAGE 2 GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

This table provides information about the amendments tabled in the name of Lee Waters MS on 18 September 2023.

No.	GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT	GWELLIANT Y LLYWODRAETH	PURPOSE AND EFFECT
1.	Section 2, page 1, line 29, leave out subsection (4) and insert — ' () The Welsh Ministers must ensure that "ambient air" is defined for the purposes of each PM2.5 air quality target (and regulations under this section may make different provision for different targets for the purposes of this subsection).'.	Adran 2, tudalen 1, llinell 29, hepgorer is-adran (4) a mewnosoder — '() Rhaid i Weinidogion Cymru sicrhau bod "aer amgylchynol" wedi ei ddiffinio at ddibenion pob targed ansawdd aer PM2.5 (a chaiff rheoliadau o dan yr adran hon wneud darpariaeth wahanol ar gyfer targedau gwahanol at ddibenion yr is-adran hon).'.	The purpose of the amendment is to replace subsection (4) in section 2 of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes (Wales) Bill to create a new duty for the Welsh Ministers to ensure "ambient air" is defined in regulations setting a PM 2.5 air quality target.
			The effect of this amendment is Welsh Ministers will have to ensure that any regulations made under section 2 of the Bill to set an air quality target for PM 2.5 include a definition of "ambient air". The amendment allows Welsh Ministers the flexibility to have different definitions of ambient air for different targets.
2.	Section 4, page 3, line 1, leave out 'affects' and insert ', other than section [section to be inserted by amendment 3], limits'.	Adran 4, tudalen 3, llinell 1, hepgorer 'sy'n effeithio' a mewnosoder ', heblaw am adran [adran i'w mewnosod gan welliant 3], yn cyfyngu'.	The purpose of this amendment is to amend subsection (2) of section 4 of the Environment (Air Quality

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				and Soundscapes (Wales) Bill in consequence of the effect of amendment [3] Maintaining air quality standards.
				The effect of the amendment is to clarify that nothing in Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Bill limits the Welsh Ministers' powers to make regulations under section 87 of the Environment Act 1995, save for section [x] Maintaining air quality standards. Subsections (3) and (4) of that section contain a minor restriction on the powers in s.87 to ensure that any standards achieved in regulations made under section 1 or 2 of the Bill cannot be lowered or revoked unless specific criteria are met.
3.	Page 4, after line 11, insert a new section—	Tudalen 4, ar ôl llin	ell 11, mewnosoder adran newydd—	The purpose of this amendment is to insert a new section
	'[] Maintaining air quality standards	'[] Cynnal	safonau ansawdd aer	"Maintaining air quality standards"
	(1) This section applies in relation to a specified standard for a target set under section 1 or 2 where—	safon b	dran hon yn gymwys mewn perthynas â enodedig ar gyfer targed a bennir o dan	into the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes (Wales) Bill. to require Welsh Minsters to
	(a) the specified date for the target has been reached, and		neu 2 pan fo— y dyddiad penodedig ar gyfer y targed	maintain and report on air quality standards set in regulations made
	(b) the specified standard for the target has been	(α)	wedi ei gyrraedd, a	under section 1 or 2 of the Bill.

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No. GOVERNMENT AMENDMENT achieved (whether by the specified date or by a later date). (2) The Welsh Ministers, in the exercise of their powers	(b) y safon benodedig ar gyfer y targed wedi ei chyflawni (boed erbyn y dyddiad penodedig neu erbyn dyddiad	PURPOSE AND EFFECT Regulations made under section 1 and 2 of the Bill must specify a
under section 87(1) of the Environment Act 1995 (c. 25) must ensure that— (a) the Welsh Ministers are under a duty to maintain that standard, and	diweddarach). (2) Rhaid i Weinidogion Cymru, wrth arfer eu pwerau o dan adran 87(1) o Ddeddf yr Amgylchedd 1995 (p. 25), sicrhau—	standard to be met and date by which the standard is to be met. The effect of the amendment is that once both the specified date and the specified standard have
(b) reporting requirements are in place in relation to the performance of that duty.	(a) bod Gweinidogion Cymru o dan ddyletswydd i gynnal y safon honno, a	been met, the Welsh Ministers will be required to make regulations
(3) The Welsh Ministers may exercise their powers under section 87(1) of the Environment Act 1995 to replace the standard mentioned in subsection (2)(a) with a lower standard, or to revoke the standard, but only if	(b) bod gofynion adrodd ar waith mewn perthynas â chyflawni'r ddyletswydd honno. (3) Caiff Gweinidogion Cymru arfer eu pwerau o dan	under section 87(1) of the Environment Act 1995 to ensure Welsh Ministers are under a duty to maintain that standard and to
satisfied that— (a) meeting the standard would have no significant benefit compared with not meeting it or with meeting a lower standard, or	adran 87(1) o Ddeddf yr Amgylchedd 1995 i ddisodli'r safon a grybwyllir yn is-adran (2)(a) â safon is, neu i ddirymu'r safon, ond dim ond os ydynt wedi eu bodloni—	put in place reporting requirements. Subsection (3) provides the Welsh
(b) because of changes in circumstances since the specified standard was set or last lowered, the environmental, social, economic or other costs of meeting it would be disproportionate to the benefits.	 (a) na fyddai cyrraedd y safon o unrhyw fudd sylweddol o gymharu â pheidio â chyrraedd y safon neu gyrraedd safon is, neu (b) yn sgil newidiadau mewn amgylchiadau 	Ministers may exercise their powers under section 87(1) of the Environment Act 1995 to replace or revoke the standard mentioned in subsection 2(a), but only if the conditions in paragraphs 3(a) and
(4) Before making regulations under section 87(1) of the Environment Act 1995 for any purpose mentioned in subsection (3), the Welsh Ministers must (in addition to complying with section 87(7B) of that Act)—	ers i'r safon benodedig gael ei gosod neu ers iddi gael ei gostwng ddiwethaf, y byddai costau amgylcheddol, costau cymdeithasol, costau economaidd neu	(b) are satisfied. Subsection (4) provides that as well as complying with the
(a) seek advice from persons they consider to be independent and to have relevant expertise,	gostau eraill ei chyrraedd yn anghymesur â'r buddion.	consultation requirements under section 87(7B) of the Environment
(b) have regard to scientific knowledge on air pollution, and	(4) Cyn gwneud rheoliadau o dan adran 87(1) o Ddeddf yr Amgylchedd 1995 at unrhyw ddiben a grybwyllir yn is-adran (3), rhaid i Weinidogion	Act 1995, if Welsh Ministers wish to revoke a standard or replace it

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	(c) lay before Senedd Cymru, and publish, a statement explaining why the Welsh Ministers are satisfied as mentioned in subsection (3).'.	Cymru (yn ogystal â chydymffurfio ag adran 87(7) o'r Ddeddf honno)— (a) ceisio cyngor oddi wrth bersonau y maent yn ystyried eu bod yn annibynnol ac yn meddu ar arbenigedd perthnasol, (b) rhoi sylw i wybodaeth wyddonol ynghylch llygredd aer, ac (c) gosod gerbron Senedd Cymru, a chyhoeddi, ddatganiad sy'n esbonio pam y mae Gweinidogion Cymru wedi eu bodloni fel y'i crybwyllir yn is-adran (3).'.	with a lower standard they must also comply with the requirements in subsection (4).
4.	'[] Reporting in relation to section 1 (1) The Welsh Ministers must, as soon as practicable after the end of reach reporting period, lay before Senedd Cymru and publish a report on the consideration they have given during that period to setting long-term targets under section 1. (2) The report must, in particular, address the consideration given during the reporting period to setting targets in relation to the following pollutants— (a) ammonia; (b) PM ₁₀ ; (c) ground level ozone; (d) nitrogen dioxide; (e) carbon monoxide; (f) sulphur dioxide.	 Tudalen 4, ar ôl llinell 11, mewnosoder adran newydd— '[] Adrodd mewn perthynas ag adran 1 (1) Rhaid i Weinidogion Cymru, cyn gynted ag y bo'n ymarferol ar ôl diwedd pob cyfnod adrodd, osod gerbron Senedd Cymru a chyhoeddi adroddiad ar yr ystyriaeth y maent wedi ei rhoi yn ystod y cyfnod hwnnw i osod targedau hirdymor o dan adran 1. (2) Rhaid i'r adroddiad, yn benodol, ymdrin â'r ystyriaeth a roddwyd yn ystod y cyfnod adrodd i osod targedau mewn perthynas â'r llygryddion a ganlyn— (a) amonia; (b) PM₁₀; (c) osôn ar lefel y ddaear; (d) nitrogen deuocsid; 	The purpose of this amendment is to add a new section "Reporting in relation to section 1", into the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill to create a new reporting duty for the Welsh Ministers in relation to section 1. The effect of this amendment is to place a duty on Welsh Ministers, as soon as practicable after each reporting period, to lay before the Senedd and publish a report on the consideration they have given during the reporting period (as defined in subsection (4)) to setting long term air quality targets under section 1.

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	 (3) But if regulations have been made under section 1 setting a target in relation to a pollutant mentioned in subsection (2), the requirement in that subsection no longer applies in relation to that pollutant. (4) In this section— "PM₁₀" means particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter not exceeding 10 micrometres; "reporting period" means— (a) the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which section 1 comes into force, and (b) each subsequent period of 12 months.'. 	 (e) carbon monocsid; (f) sylffwr deuocsid. (3) Ond os yw rheoliadau wedi eu gwneud o dan adran 1 sy'n gosod targed mewn perthynas â llygrydd a grybwyllir yn is-adran (2), nid yw'r gofyniad yn yr is-adran honno bellach yn gymwys mewn perthynas â'r llygrydd hwnnw. (4) Yn yr adran hon— ystyr "cyfnod adrodd" ("reporting period") yw— (a) y cyfnod o 2 flynedd sy'n dechrau â'r diwrnod y mae adran 1 yn dod i rym, a (b) pob cyfnod dilynol o 12 mis; ystyr "PM₁₀" ("PM₁₀") yw deunydd gronynnol sydd â diamedr aerodynamig nad yw'n fwy na 10 o ficrometrau.'. 	The Welsh Ministers must set out in the report what consideration they have given during the reporting period to setting air quality targets in relation to the pollutants listed in paragraph (2). The Welsh Ministers may also set out in the report what consideration has been given to other pollutants not named in the Bill. Subsection (3) makes it clear the Welsh Ministers are not under a duty to report on a pollutant if regulations have been made under section 1 to set a target in relation to that pollutant.
5.	Section 10, page 5, line 2, leave out — '(c) the Public Health Wales National Health Service Trust; (d) every Local Health Board established under section 11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006' and insert— '() every Local Health Board established under section 11 of	Adran 10, tudalen 5, llinell 2 hepgorer — '(c) the Public Health Wales National Health Service Trust; (d) every Local Health Board established under section 11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006' a mewnosoder— '() every Local Health Board	The purpose of this amendment is to broaden the range of consultees the Welsh Ministers must consult when reviewing the National Air Quality Strategy. The effect of this amendment is to extend the existing requirement in section 10 of the Bill to consult with Public Health Wales National Health Service Trust by creating a

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	the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006; () every National Health Service trust established under section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006; () every public services board (within the meaning of Part 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015); () the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales;'.	established under section 11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006; () every National Health Service trust established under section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006; () every public services board (within the meaning of Part 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015); () the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales'.	Every NHS Trust established under section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 which includes the Public Health Wales National Health Services Trust and any other Trust established in the future using the power under section 18; Every public services board (within the meaning of section 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. This includes bodies such as the Welsh fire and rescue authority for an area and Natural Resources Wales; and The Future Generations Commissioner for Wales.
6.	Section 16, page 9, line 10, leave out 'subject to an exemption under section 19G' and insert 'an exempt fireplace'.	Adran 16, tudalen 9, llinell 10, hepgorer 'subject to an exemption under section 19G' a mewnosoder 'an exempt fireplace'.	This amendment is a technical amendment required as a consequence of amendment [9].

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7.	Section 16, page 9, line 21, leave out 'subject to an exemption under section 19G' and insert 'an exempt fireplace'.	Adran 16, tudalen 9, llinell 21, hepgorer 'subject to an exemption under section 19G' a mewnosoder 'an exempt fireplace'.	This amendment is a technical amendment required as a consequence of amendment [9].
8.	Section 16, page 9, leave out lines 27 to 33.	Adran 16, tudalen 9, hepgorer llinellau 27 hyd at 33.	Section 16 of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill inserts new sections 19E to 19H into the Clean Air Act 1993. The purpose of this amendment is to omit part of the text of section 19F.
			The effect of this amendment is to remove the definition of "authorised fuel" and the Welsh Ministers' function to publish a list of authorised fuels. This amendment is consequential on amendment [9], which recreates these provisions in a new section 19G of the Clean Air Act 1993.
9.	Section 16, page 9, line 34, leave out _ '19G Exemptions relating to particular fireplaces in Wales (1) For the purposes of the application of this Part to Wales, the Welsh Ministers may exempt any class of fireplace from the provisions of Schedule 1A if they are satisfied that such fireplaces can be used	Adran 16, tudalen 9, Ilinell 34, hepgorer '19G Exemptions relating to particular fireplaces in Wales (1) For the purposes of the application of this Part to Wales, the Welsh Ministers may exempt any class of fireplace from the provisions of Schedule 1A if they are satisfied that such fireplaces	Section 16 of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill inserts new sections 19E to 19H into the Clean Air Act 1993. The purpose of this amendment is to replace section 19G to amend the powers of the Welsh Ministers to exempt classes of fireplace.

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	(2)	for burning fuel other than authorised fuels without producing any smoke or a substantial quantity of smoke. An exemption under subsection (1) may be made subject to such conditions as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate. The Welsh Ministers must— (a) publish a list of those classes of fireplace that are exempt under subsection (1) including any details of any conditions to which an exemption is subject; (b) publish a revised copy of the list as soon as is reasonably practicable after any change is made to the classes of fireplace that are so exempt or to the conditions to which an exemption is subject.'	(2	can be used for burning fuel other than authorised fuels without producing any smoke or a substantial quantity of smoke. 2) An exemption under subsection (1) may be made subject to such conditions as the Welsh Ministers consider appropriate. 3) The Welsh Ministers must— (a) publish a list of those classes of fireplace that are exempt under subsection (1) including any details of any conditions to which an exemption is subject; (b) publish a revised copy of the list as soon as is reasonably practicable after any change is made to the classes of fireplace that are so exempt or to the conditions to which an	The effect of the amendment is to remove from section 19G the power for the Welsh Ministers to exempt a class from fireplace from the provisions of Schedule 1A to the Clean Air Act 1993. The new section 19G retains the power of the Welsh Ministers to publish lists of "exempt fireplace" for the purposes of the criminal offences set out in section 19F. Provisions in section 19F relating to the Welsh Ministers' powers to publish lists of "authorised fuel" (omitted by amendment [8]) are replaced with new provisions in section 19G.
	'19G	Section 19F: interpretation		exemption is subject.'	
	,	In section 19F, "exempt fireplace" means a fireplace of a type specified in a list published by the Welsh Ministers.	a mewnosoder— '19G	Section 19F: interpretation	
	, ,	The Welsh Ministers may only specify a type of fireplace in the list if satisfied that such a fireplace can, if used in compliance with any conditions specified in the list, be used for burning solid fuels other than authorised fuels without producing any smoke or a substantial	,) In section 19F, "exempt fireplace" means a fireplace of a type specified in a list published by the Welsh Ministers. 2) The Welsh Ministers may only specify a type of fireplace in the list if satisfied that such a fireplace can, if used in	

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	quantity of smoke. (3) In section 19F and this section, "authorised fuel" means a solid fuel included in a list of authorised fuels published by the Welsh Ministers.'.	compliance with any conditions specified in the list, be used for burning solid fuels other than authorised fuels without producing any smoke or a substantial quantity of smoke. (3) In section 19F and this section, "authorised fuel" means a solid fuel included in a list of authorised fuels published by the Welsh Ministers.'.	
10.	Section 22, page 12, line 32, leave out— '(iii) the Public Health Wales National Health Service Trust, (iv) every Local Health Board established under section 11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42)' and insert— '() every Local Health Board established under section 11 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42), () every National Health Service trust established under section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, () every public services board (within the meaning of Part 4 of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales)	Adran 22, tudalen 12, llinell 33, hepgorer— '(iii) Ymddiriedolaeth Gwasanaeth lechyd Gwladol lechyd Cyhoeddus Cymru, (iv) pob Bwrdd lechyd Lleol a sefydlwyd o dan adran 11 o Ddeddf y Gwasnaeth lechyd Gwladol (Cymru) 2006 (p. 42)' a mewnosoder— '() pob Bwrdd lechyd Lleol a sefydlwyd o dan adran 11 o Ddeddf y Gwasanaeth lechyd Gwladol (Cymru) 2006 (p. 42), () pob ymddiriedolaeth Gwasanaeth lechyd Gwladol a sefydlwyd o dan adran 18 o Ddeddf y Gwasanaeth lechyd Gwladol (Cymru) 2006, () pob bwrdd gwasanaethau	The purpose of this amendment is to broaden the range of consultees the Welsh Ministers must consult when reviewing the National soundscapes strategy. The effect of this amendment is to extend the existing requirement to consult with Public Health Wales National Health Service Trust by creating a duty to consult: • Every NHS Trust established under section 18 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006, which includes the Public Health Wales National Health Service Trust any Trust established in the future

No.	Act 2015 (anaw 2)), () the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales'.	cyhoeddus (o fewn ystyr Rhan 4 o Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) 2015 (dccc 2)), () Comisiynydd Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol Cymru'.	using the power under section 18; Every public services board (within the meaning of section 4 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. This includes bodies such as the Welsh fire and rescue authority for an area and Natural Resources Wales; and The Future Generations
11.	Section 26, page 14, leave out line 34.	Adran 26, tudalen 14, hepgorer llinell 35.	The purpose of this amendment is to remove reference to retained direct EU legislation from subsection 26(7) of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill. The effect of this amendment is that retained direct EU legislation will not come within the definition of primary legislation for the purposes of section 26 of the Bill.

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12.	Section 27, page 15, after line 5, insert— '() section [section to be inserted by amendment 3];'.	Adran 27, tudalen 15, ar ôl llinell 5, mewnosoder— '() adran [adran i'w mewnosod gan welliant 3];'.	The purpose of this amendment is to add reference to section [x] Maintaining air quality standards, to section 27 of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill. This amendment is consequential to amendment [3] and the effect of the amendment is to ensure that the new section on maintaining air quality standards comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which the Bill receives Royal Assent.
13.	Section 27, page 15, after line 5, insert— '() section [section to be inserted by amendment 4];'.	Adran 27, tudalen 15, ar ôl llinell 5, mewnosoder— '() adran [adran i'w mewnosod gan welliant 4];'.	The purpose of this amendment is to add reference to section [x] Reporting in relation to section 1, to section 27 of the Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Bill. This amendment is consequential to amendment [4] and the effect of the amendment is to ensure that the new section on reporting in relation to section 1 comes into force at the end of the period of two months beginning with the day on which the Bill receives

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			Royal Assent.
14.	Schedule 1, page 16, after line 37, insert — 'PART [] EXPENDITURE ON OLD PRIVATE DWELLINGS	Atodlen 1, tudalen 16, ar ôl llinell 37, mewnosoder — 'RHAN [] GWARIANT AR HEN ANHEDDAU PREIFAT	The purpose of this amendment is to repeal parts of Schedule 2 to the Clean Air Act 1993.
	The Clean Air Act 1993 (c. 11) is amended as follows. In Schedule 2 (smoke control orders: expenditure on old private dwellings)— (a) omit paragraphs 1, 2 and 3; (b) in paragraph 4(1), omit paragraphs (a) and (b); (c) in paragraph 4(2), omit paragraphs (a) and (b).'.	 Mae Deddf Aer Glân 1993 (p. 11) wedi ei diwygio fel a ganlyn. Yn Atodlen 2 (gorchmynion rheoli mwg: gwariant ar hen anheddau preifat)— (a) hepgorer paragraffau 1, 2 a 3; (b) ym mharagraff 4(1), hepgorer paragraffau (a) a (b); (c) ym mharagraff 4(2), hepgorer paragraffau (a) a (b).'. 	Schedule 2 to the Clean Air Act 1993 provides for local authorities to reimburse owners or occupiers of old private dwellings in certain circumstances for expenditure incurred to avoid a contravention of section 20 of that Act. The effect of the amendment is to remove these provisions. Provisions in paragraph 4 of Schedule 2 to the Clean Air Act 1993 which allow the Welsh Ministers to reimburse the local authority in certain circumstances are retained.
15.	Schedule 1, page 17, leave out line 28 and insert— '() omit the definition of "authorised fuel";'.	Atodlen 1, tudalen 17, hepgorer llinell 28 a mewnosoder— '() hepgorer y diffiniad o "authorised fuel";'.	The purpose of this amendment is to omit the definition of "authorised fuel" in section 29 of the Clean Air Act 1993. The effect of the amendment is to remove an amendment to the definition of "authorised fuel" in section 29 of the Clean Air Act 1993 and to instead omit the

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			definition itself. This amendment is consequential on amendments [8] and [9].
16.	Schedule 1, page 17, after line 37, insert— '[] In section 61 (joint exercise of local authority functions), in subsection (3)(b) for ", Schedule 1 and paragraph 1 of Schedule 2" substitute "and Schedule 1".'.		This is a technical amendment which is consequential on amendment [14].
17.	Schedule 1, page 18, line 20, leave out paragraph 19.	Atodlen 1, tudalen 18, llinell 20, hepgorer paragraff 19.	The purpose of this amendment is to omit amendments that paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the Bill makes to Schedule 2 to the Clean Air Act 1993.
			This amendment is consequential on amendment [14]. Paragraph 19 of Schedule 1 to the Bill makes amendments to provisions in Schedule 2 to the Clean Air Act 1993 that will be repealed by amendment [14].