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Mick Antoniw MS
Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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Dear Mick,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Coronavirus Act 2020 (Assured Tenancies and Assured Shorthold Tenancies, Extension of Notice Periods) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2020.

You have asked whether the Welsh Government could consider providing further justification for the rationale behind the policy changes introduced by the Regulations, specifically in the context of human rights.

In the interests of transparent government and accountability, the Welsh Government is always mindful of the need to explain fully the reasons behind any decision it takes. In the case of these Regulations, the rationale behind the changes is clearly set out in the Purpose and Effect section of the Explanatory Memorandum. In addition, the Costs and Benefits section of the Regulatory Impact Assessment within that same document explores the basis on which the Welsh Government balanced the arguments for and against making the changes. We are satisfied the Regulations are compatible with the Convention as set out in the above documents and have nothing further to add.

I would, though, like to draw the Committee's attention to the summary of the integrated impact assessment that has been published, in case this provides further detail that is useful to you. The integrated impact assessment can be found at the link below:

<https://gov.wales/amendment-assured-and-assured-shorthold-tenancies-integrated-impact-assessment>

Yours sincerely,

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