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By email

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Dear Chair,

Subject: Scrutiny of Welsh Government regulations and compliance with the Public Sector Equality Duty: Standing order 21.3C (iv)

Your committee provides a vital role in scrutinising legislation laid before the Senedd. We are particularly grateful that you have recently highlighted the requirement to justify interference with human rights when Welsh Government is publishing subordinate legislation in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

However, we have been concerned that Welsh Government is not complying with the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011 when

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publishing subordinate legislation. In particular regulation 8 which requires that equality impact assessments are published with regulations.

We would ask that you consider reporting on this issue when you consider your merit scrutiny and standing order 21.3C (iv).

We think this is particularly relevant to the Health Protection (Coronavirus Restrictions) (Wales) Regulations 2020 and are aware that you are due to report on them by 10th July 2020.

I am happy to discuss this matter further or to meet with you if you would find it helpful. My email address ruth.coombs@equalityhumanrights.com.

Yours sincerely,

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