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**Constitutional and Legislative  
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Dear Lesley

**CLA42 - The Protection from Tobacco (Sales from Vending Machines)  
(Wales) Regulations 2011**

The Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee considered the above Statutory Instrument at its meeting on 3 October 2011.

The Committee noted that the regulations come into effect on 1 February next year but that the equivalent regulations came into effect in England on 1 October this year.

Welsh Government spokespersons have explained that the delay in Wales was due to legal challenges to the equivalent regulations in England. The Committee would be grateful if you could confirm that this is the reason for the delay and why it is that legal action has delayed the introduction of the Welsh regulations but not the regulations that were the subject of the legal challenge?

I understand that these regulations are to be debated in Plenary on 18 October. It would be helpful to Plenary consideration of the regulations if you could reply before the Plenary debate and if your reply could be made available to all Assembly Members as a supporting document for the debate.

Yours sincerely

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