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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION BY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND WASTE  
MANAGEMENT LCO COMMITTEE**

I am writing in response to your letter dated 20<sup>th</sup> November which seeks clarification for the likely timetable for the remaining stages of the process, and for information on when the Secretary of State will forward the proposed Order for Parliamentary pre-legislative scrutiny.

Discussions with the UK Government are progressing on this LCO and, as I mentioned while giving evidence to the Committee, I intend for the LCO to be redrafted to clarify the scope of the term 'environmental protection' in Matter 6.2. Once agreement on the re-draft of the proposed Order has been reached with the UK Government, the Secretary of State for Wales will submit the proposed Order for Parliamentary pre-legislative scrutiny. I can confirm that this will not happen before the new year.

Following full consideration of the reports of your committee and those in Parliament, together with collective agreement on the revised text, the final draft LCO will be laid before the Assembly for debate and approval. The timescale will depend on the nature and extent of any changes to the draft Order resulting from pre-legislative scrutiny, but I am hopeful that this will happen soon after the Welsh Affairs Committee has reported. The explanatory memorandum will be amended to detail the changes made in response to the recommendations from both your Committee and the Welsh Affairs Committee. Once the final draft LCO has been approved by the Assembly, the First Minister will then invite the Secretary of State for Wales to lay the Order before both Houses of Parliament, where it will be debated.

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