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Dear Jane

I am writing in response to the question you asked in the Senedd on 14 December regarding the timeline for the Clean Air (Wales) Act.

Our ambition for a Clean Air Act for Wales is to place the most effective air quality standards into Welsh law. Alongside this, we are developing solutions to meet them. I feel the Act will be the best mechanism to put the framework in place, encouraging everyone to take action to tackle air pollution.

We consulted on a White paper on the Clean Air (Wales) Bill between 13 January 2021 and 7 April 2021. A summary of responses will be published shortly.

Work is continuing to develop the content of the Bill following the consultation. The current intention is for the Bill to be introduced in Year 2 of the Legislative Programme (i.e. before summer 2023).

This is an important piece of legislation. We must allow sufficient time to work with all stakeholders in the spirit of social partnership and coproduction to get our legislation right.

A further update on the Legislative Programme will be made to the Senedd in July 2022.

Yours sincerely

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