
From: (EPS - WLD)
Sent: 02 February 2018 11:21
To: (OFMCO - Legal Services Department) >; EPS Legislation Mailbox; Legislation Management (DLS) ; (EPS - WLD)
Cc: [hepgorwyd ardan 40(2)]
Subject: ATB/RE: MA-L/EM/0034/18 - Approval of Welsh Language Standards (No.7) Regulations 2018.

[hepgorwyd ardan 40(2)]

The Minister needs to approve the Regs (i.e the MA/L that was submitted yesterday) before the discussions can take place, therefore discussions could not have taken place before the advice was submitted.

The Minister has told us that she does not want to lay the Regs until 26 Feb (3 weeks before the Plenary date).

Thanks

[hepgorwyd ardan 40(2)]

From: (OFMCO - Legal Services Department)
Sent: 02 Chwefror 2018 11:08
To: (EPS - WLD); EPS Legislation Mailbox; Legislation Management (DLS); [hepgorwyd ardan 40(2)]
Copi/Cc: [hepgorwyd ardan 40(2)]
Subject: RE: MA-L/EM/0034/18 - Approval of Welsh Language Standards (No.7) Regulations 2018.

Call me thick here, but in which case why not ensure all these discussions take place prior to putting this up for approval? It could be approved and laid within 48 hours.

[hepgorwyd ardan 40(2)]

From: (EPS - WLD)
Sent: 01 February 2018 17:47
To: EPS Legislation Mailbox; (OFMCO - Legal Services Department); Legislation Management (DLS); [hepgorwyd ardan 40(2)]
Cc: [hepgorwyd ardan 40(2)]
Subject: ATB/RE: MA-L/EM/0034/18 - Approval of Welsh Language Standards (No.7) Regulations 2018.

Hi all,

The MA/L was submitted earlier than usual in advance of the laying date (MA/L submitted today, laying date 26 Feb) to give the Minister time to consider the consultation responses report which we intend to publish on the laying date (doc 3 in the MA/L folder), and in case she wants to meet officials to further discuss the EM or the Regs themselves.

Even if the Minister approves the MA/L immediately, the advice clearly notes that we recommend to lay the Regs on 26 Feb. This is in line with previous discussion we've had with the Minister regarding timings.

Thanks

[hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]

From: EPS Legislation Mailbox
Sent: 01 Chwefror 2018 17:31
To: (OFMCO - Legal Services Department); Legislation Management (DLS)
Copi/Cc: [hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]
Subject: FW: MA-L/EM/0034/18 - Approval of Welsh Language Standards (No.7) Regulations 2018.

Hi [hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]

Just to keep LMU in the loop with regard to the laying of these Regs, should the Minister approve their laying sooner than anticipated, can you please check with [hepgorwyd adran 40(2)] whether the Minister's Private Office have managed to arrange meetings with the opposition spokespersons first before submitting them for laying as it is imperative that these discussions are had at a political level to help lubricate the passage of the SI through the process so to speak

Happy to discuss (although having said that I'm not in till Tuesday after today)

Kind Regards
[hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]

From: (EPS - WLD)
Sent: 01 February 2018 14:26
To: EPS Legislation Mailbox
Cc: [hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]

Subject: RE: MA-L/EM/0034/18 - Approval of Welsh Language Standards (No.7) Regulations 2018.

As far as we are aware private office have not arranged the meetings with opposition parties yet – the advice only went down today! We will keep an eye on this process and won't ask table office to lay until 26 Feb. [hepgorwyd adran 40(2)] (after more than two years working on these Regs) have no intention of going off sick until after they are 'put to bed'.

The Consultation Response document is ready for publication – its gone through all the Gateway processes. Our intention is to publish the same day as the Regs are laid.

From: EPS Legislation Mailbox
Sent: 01 February 2018 14:08
To: (EPS - WLD)
Cc: [hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]
Subject: RE: MA-L/EM/0034/18 - Approval of Welsh Language Standards (No.7) Regulations 2018.

Hulo [hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]

Can you let me know what progress has been made to date for the Minister to meet opposition spokes peoples as per the following please

“Officials therefore recommend that the Minister for Welsh Language and Lifelong Learning meets with Opposition Spokespeople before or immediately after the Regulations are laid. This will allow the Opposition Spokespeople to understand the Government’s policy position before any possible committee session and before an active lobby campaign gathers pace”

Should the MAL be cleared by the Minister quickly, we have a three week window to lay the Regulations, and I don't want them laid too early if these arrangements haven't been put in place, I also don't want to risk them not being laid if there is an oversight (somebody off sick etc) and we then miss out allocated slot in Plenary.

Also, how are we in getting the summary of responses ready for publication with the gateway people? i.e. should the meetings have been arranged, and the Minister sign off the MAL, would we be in a position to lay the Summary as well – no point laying the Regulations and arranging the meetings if the summary isn't ready for publication!

Kind Regards
[hepgorwyd adran 40(2)]