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Dear Colleagues,

Asbestos (Recovery of Medical Costs) (Wales) Bill

As Chair of the Health and Social Care Committee, I would like to notify you that we anticipate the *Asbestos (Recovery of Medical Costs) (Wales) Bill* being referred to us for Stage 1 consideration in the autumn term. Provided the Bill is introduced and formally referred to the Committee, it is likely we will issue a call for evidence on the general principles of the Bill as part of our Stage 1 consideration. The reason I am taking this opportunity to give you advanced notice of the Committee's intentions is that it is likely that the consultation period on the Bill will be limited to six weeks.

Further information on how a Bill proceeds through the Assembly can be accessed here: <http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/bus-legislation-guidance.htm>

This Bill is a Member Bill, proposed by Mick Antoniw AM. It is anticipated that Mr Antoniw will formally introduce his Bill in October 2012. As part of the Members Bill process he was required to provide information on the policy objectives of his Bill. The intended objective of the Bill is to enable the Welsh Government on behalf of the NHS in Wales to recover the costs of medical treatment and care provided to patients in Wales who have sustained Asbestos disease (Mesothelioma, Pleural Plaques, Pleural thickening, lung cancer and other associated diseases) and have achieved a civil settlement or judgment in or out of court from an employer or other body, corporate or incorporate.

Further information on the status of this Bill can be accessed here: http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-legislation/proposed_members_bills/asbestos_recovery_of_medical_costs_bill.htm

I hope you find this advance notice of our likely intention to issue a consultation helpful. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me, or the Legislation Clerk to the Committee:

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Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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