

Vaughan Gething AM
Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services
Welsh Government

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Dear Vaughan,

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MINIMUM PRICE FOR ALCOHOL)
(WALES) BILL**

Thank you for sight of your reply to Dai Lloyd regarding the publication date of the full report by the University of Sheffield on the impacts of minimum unit pricing in Wales, you will recall that I also wrote to you to seek clarification on this matter on 12 December.

I am aware that Dai Lloyd has written to you to convey his dismay at the delay to the publication of the report, and I echo his concerns at the impact this will have on committees' ability to reflect upon the updated work in our reports.

The information expected to be included in the report by University of Sheffield could potentially have a significant impact on the Welsh Government's decision on the level of a minimum unit price, which consequently could alter the information provided in the Regulatory Impact Assessment. I am therefore concerned that, should this information not be available until after the completion of Stage 1 proceedings, there will be no opportunity to consider the impact of these important findings in the Committee's report.

Yours sincerely



Simon Thomas
Chair

