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Dear Darren,

**Further to the holding reply to your WQ90978 - When does the Welsh Government intend to bring remaining parts and sections of the Commons Act 2006 into force in Wales, particularly all parts of Section 6?**

Thank you for your Written Question regarding Section 6 of the Commons Act 2006 (the 2006 Act). Section 6 of the 2006 Act will be implemented alongside the rest of Part 1 of the 2006 Act to enable the introduction of the Electronic Register of Common Land and Village Greens. Introducing an electronic register will modernise the registers of common land currently held in paper format under the Commons Registration Act 1965 and will help safeguard them for future use.

As you can appreciate, with common land representing 8% of the land in Wales, the volume of entries relating to rights of common is significant. Our work to modernise the registers remains ongoing alongside other priorities and in partnership with Commons Registration Authorities and our Commons Act 2006 Advisory Group comprising of key stakeholders. This work has recently seen the translation of the approximately 25,000 entries. We are now moving forward to the checking and validation stage and are discussing the next steps with stakeholders.

As a result, I am not currently in a position to provide a date by which we will implement Section 6. The timing of implementation is to be discussed and agreed with the Commons Registration Authorities and Commons Act 2006 Advisory Group.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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