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Dear Janet

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Cabinet Secretary confirm when the Eunomia report into Extended Producer Responsibility and Deposit Return Schemes, as detailed in her written statement of 28 September 2017, will be published? (WAQ76187)

Hannah Blythyn: Officials have received the final draft report and executive summary and are doing the normal checking of content and accuracy before signing off the work as complete. Given the complexity of the subject matter and the size of the report, this inevitably takes time. We cannot predict how long this will take.

I will then need to take a view on the findings and recommendations, before deciding next steps.

I intend to consult on an update to our waste Strategy and a draft route map for a more resource efficient Wales later this year.

Officials are liaising with HM Treasury, Defra, and the other devolved administrations on how best any new intervention, such as taxes on plastic, could be applied.

We have asked WRAP Cymru to organise some stakeholder workshops in April to gauge views on how the Producer Responsibility Packaging Waste Regulations could be amended to better tackle recycling and litter. Environmental NGOs will be included in the invitation to the workshop.

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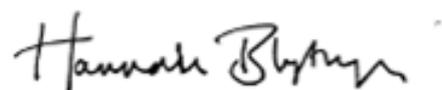
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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

This is a complex, multi-faceted issue that needs very careful consideration in order to ensure that we go for the best solution to the problem of plastic waste.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hannah Blythyn". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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