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Dear Rhys

I am writing in response to WQ94033: When does the Cabinet Secretary anticipate the new guidance for political parties on the diversity and inclusion of parliamentary candidates will be published?

The Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act 2024 requires the Welsh Ministers to publish diversity guidance for political parties before 1 May 2025. We are working at pace on this guidance, with the aim of ensuring that the guidance is available for political parties to consider the actions they can take as part of their candidate selection process for the 2026 Senedd election. The guidance will be subject to public consultation shortly.

Kind regards,

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