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Dear Michelle

I am writing about the Legal Services Board's (LSB) consultation on a draft Welsh Language Scheme.

Overall the Solicitors Regulation Authority agrees with the LSB's proposed approach toward realising its duties under section 21 of the Welsh Language Act 1993. In particular, we support the LSB's commitment on page 9 of the consultation paper to translate publications into Welsh upon request, where a Welsh or bilingual version is not already available. The SRA provides the same undertaking and we agree with the LSB that this represents the most practical approach toward managing the requirements of the Act.

Paragraph 3.2 of your consultation document refers to the LSB's commitment to work with the Approved Regulators to "*...remove obstacles which prevent them using Welsh when delivering service to the public in Wales.*" We endorse this approach.

We are happy for this response to be published as part of the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Antony Townsend". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail.

Antony Townsend  
**Chief Executive, SRA**