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Dear Colleague,

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will take place between 27 July and 7 August. It will be the biggest sporting and cultural event ever held in the city, with thousands of world-class athletes competing in front of a million spectators and an estimated global TV audience of 1.5 billion.

The Games will showcase Birmingham and the West Midlands to the rest of the world as a destination for sport, culture, business and tourism. The Games will open up a wealth of opportunities for people across the West Midlands and the UK including cultural engagement, business and trade, volunteering, physical activity, jobs and skills and education.

With just over three years to go, preparations to host the Games are continuing at pace. The Organising Committee senior team are in place, and last month ground was broken on the Athletes' Village which is the largest infrastructure project related to the Games and will leave 1,400 new homes in legacy.

Last week, the government announced the introduction of the **Birmingham Commonwealth Games Bill** into the House of Lords.

This Bill will support the successful operational delivery of the Games through a small number of temporary measures. This Bill follows a similar approach to previous Games' legislation passed for London 2012 and Glasgow 2014. The measures will:

- ensure government funding of the Birmingham 2022 Organising Committee continues to comply with financial propriety rules;
- ensure commercial rights are protected to maintain the levels of private investment in the Games, reducing the call on the public purse. This includes proportionate restrictions on unauthorised advertising and trading around Games locations, which will also improve the spectator experience by ensuring that advertising and trading do not obstruct easy movement around Games areas;



- ensure touting of tickets for the Commonwealth Games is prohibited;
- help ensure that transport in the host city and region works efficiently, both for those living and working around Games locations and those involved in the Games .

Further detail on each measure is included at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-introduces-commonwealth-games-bill-for-birmingham-2022>

To mark the approaching three years to go milestone, I will be hosting a Commonwealth Games update for all MPs on **Tuesday 9 July in the Large Ministerial Conference Room, House of Commons, from 3.30pm to 4.30pm**, which I hope you can attend to find out more about Games preparations. In the meantime, please do contact my officials at cwgcbt@culture.gov.uk if you have any questions or would like any more information on the Bill.

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Mims Davies MP

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