

**From:** TEO Democratic Scrutiny Committee  
**Sent:** 07 January 2026 13:14  
**To:** DSC <WindsorFramework.Committee@niassembly.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: TEO DSC Notification - Published Replacement EU Act - Safety of Toys

Please accept my apologies for missing the deadline to respond to this notification.

Further to our conversation yesterday, we sought to verify again with Departments the position in relation to this replacement Act. The position remains unchanged from our response of 25 February 2025 (attached for ease of reference), which is that product safety sits with the Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS), which is under the Department for Business and Trade (DBT). In NI, this responsibility sits with councils and is not within the policy remit of any NICS Department.

There is therefore no Department placed to provide the Committee with an assessment of impact or evidence in relation to this published Act.

Best regards,

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**From:** TEO Democratic Scrutiny Committee

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**To:** DSC

**Subject:** DSC - Request for departmental assessment of impact - COM-2023-462

The DSC has requested that departments provide evidence on a number of proposed new and replacement EU acts which started their EU legislative passage before the DSC was established. These requests for information have been shared with the relevant NICS departments for response by the 4 April deadline.

At this stage we wanted to highlight that there is a specific piece of legislation listed that departments are unable to provide information on:

**Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the council on the safety of toys and repealing Directive 2009/48/EC – [COM\(2023\) 462](#)**

In Great Britain, product safety is the responsibility of the Office for Product Safety & Standards (OPSS), which is part of the Department for Business and Trade (DBT). There is no direct counterpart to OPSS in Northern Ireland, and responsibility for product safety instead sits with local councils, each of which has its own consumer protection team, with contact details available on individual council websites.

There is no role for any NICS department in this work, and therefore no department who would be able to provide information or assessment of impact for this regulation or others that relate to product safety.

Regards,

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