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Dear Chair

I am pleased to inform you that a consultation document seeking views on the draft Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020 has been published on the Welsh Government website today.

Prior to each Senedd general election a new Disqualification Order is made which revokes the previous Order and sets out an updated list of disqualifying offices.

The draft Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020 would designate offices the holders of which would be disqualified from being a Member of the Senedd (but not from being a candidate to be a Member of the Senedd). The proposed offices are described in the Schedule to the draft Order.

Additional disqualifying offices, together with categories of person disqualified from being a Member of the Senedd, are prescribed by the Government of Wales Act 2006. The draft Order should be read with the relevant provisions.

This consultation seeks views on which offices should be included in the draft Senedd Cymru (Disqualification) Order 2020. The consultation on these proposals will run until 1 September 2020. Details of how to respond are set out in the consultation document.

Following consideration of the responses to this consultation the draft Order will be brought forward for the Senedd's approval before formal submission to Her Majesty in Council later this year.

Best wishes

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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.