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Covid–19: Impacts on the Senedd Commission

Thank you for attending the Committee meeting on 3 August. I and the Members found the session to be very informative and we were impressed with the achievements of the Commission staff during these challenging times. As a Parliament, we are immensely proud that a number of other Parliaments have looked to us for guidance and good practice on how to operate during this pandemic. Equally, we are very pleased to note that the Annual Report and Accounts 2019–20, were published ahead of the usual reporting times, which we will be scrutinising in the autumn term.

There were a number of questions, relating to risk, we were unable to reach due to time constraints, which I said I would write to you on. These are detailed below.

- How have you managed the security risks that have been widely reported in respect of the Zoom platform.
- What key risks did you identify for the organisation at the outset of the pandemic and how did you mitigate these.
- What action has the Commission taken to respond to the increase in cyber–security and fraud risks.

During the evidence session, Members noted how well information has been and is continuing to be made available to themselves, their staff and the Senedd Commission staff regarding the situation, which evolves daily. They were concerned, however, about how this information has and is continuing to be cascaded to sub-contractors working on the Estate. I would welcome further assurances that, sub-contractors and any other staff
who are not directly employed by the Senedd Commission but work on the estate, adhere to the practices put in place to keep the building a Covid-19 secure environment.

Finally, I would like to place on the record, my thanks to all the staff who have continued to provide the excellent service, as always, during these unprecedented times.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Ramsay MS
Chair

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