

12 July 2018

Dear John,

## **PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN (WALES) BILL**

### **Timetable**

I wrote to you on 17 April 2018, to notify you that I had requested an extension from Business Committee to the timetable for the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill (the Bill), pending a Financial Resolution being tabled.

As you may be aware, the Welsh Government has now tabled the motion, which is scheduled for debate on Tuesday 17 July. Following consultation with you, and subject to agreement of the motion, I intend to write to the Business Committee with a new proposed timetable.

Given the substantial workloads of both our committees in the autumn term with the budget round, and other legislation your Committee is considering, I propose that Stage 2 proceedings take place in January 2019. If your Committee's work programme can accommodate this, I shall formally write to the Business Committee and I attach as an annex the proposed revised timetable.

### **Response ELGC's Stage 1 recommendations**

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you on progress made on the recommendations proposed by your Committee in its Stage 1 report. In relation to recommendations 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, which suggested I tabled amendments at



Stage 2, I have considered these issues and discussed draft amendments with the Finance Committee on 17 May 2018. However, as some of these areas overlap with discussions that are taking place with the Welsh Government, I will be weighing up the information before tabling any amendments.

In relation to recommendations 11 - 19, which required changes to the Regulatory Impact Assessment within the Explanatory Memorandum (EM), these changes have been made. I will not be formally laying the EM until after Stage 2 proceedings. However, I thought it would be helpful for Members to have sight of the changes in advance of the consideration of the Financial Resolution and therefore we have published the revised EM today, which is available on the Assembly's [webpage](#).

Should the Financial Resolution motion be passed, I look forward to appearing before your Committee for Stage 2 proceedings.

Yours sincerely



Simon Thomas AM

Chair

*Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.*

*We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.*



## Annex

### Revised timetable – PSOW Bill

MILESTONE	DATE
<i>1. Bill introduced</i>	<i>Monday 2 October 2017</i>
<i>2. Deadline for Stage 1 Committee consideration</i>	<i>Friday 9 March 2018</i>
<i>3. Stage 1 ended – Plenary debate on general principles</i>	<i>Wednesday 21 March 2018</i>
<i>4. Stage 2 began</i>	<i>Thursday 22 March 2018</i>
<i>5. Financial Resolution passed</i>	<i>Tuesday 17 July 2018</i>
6. Stage 2 Ends – Deadline for Stage 2 Committee	Friday 1 February 2019
7. Stage 3 Begins <sup>1</sup>	Monday 4 February 2019
8. Stage 3 in Plenary <sup>2</sup>	Wednesday 6 March 2019
9. Stage 4 in Plenary	Wednesday 13 March 2019
10. Royal Assent	TBA

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<sup>1</sup> Stage 3 begins on the first working day after Stage 2 is completed.

<sup>2</sup> At least 15 working days must elapse between the start of Stage 3 and the date of the first meeting of the Assembly that considers Stage 3 proceedings.

