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Dear Elin

I am writing further to my letter of 4 June 2020, in which I asked Business Committee to initiate work to implement the provisions in section 28 of and Schedule 2 to the Senedd and Elections (Wales) Act 2020 which relate to the financing and accountability of the Electoral Commission.

I indicated that the Welsh Government would bring forward an Order to bring into force those provisions, subject to the completion of the necessary Standing Order changes, the establishment of a Llywydd's Committee, and the negotiation of an inter-institutional funding agreement.

As sufficient progress has been made in respect of that work, I consider the conditions I set out are met. I am therefore pleased to confirm that I will bring into force the relevant provisions on 1 October.

I am copying this letter to the Chairs of the Finance and Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committees, to the Auditor General for Wales and to the Head of the Electoral Commission in Wales.

Yours sincerely

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