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Chair of the Business Committee

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Annwyl Lywydd,

Request for a Plenary Debate

The Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee published a report on the effect of the COVID 19 outbreak on the arts sector on 5 June.

This is the first in a series of short reports for our inquiry into the impact of the outbreak on organisations within our remit.

The issues in the report are considered urgent by our Members, and they would like the opportunity to debate it in Plenary. The report makes recommendations on the continuance of emergency funding for the sector and the need for guidance on reopening venues, both of which are time sensitive issues which need to be discussed and debated by all Members in a Plenary session at the earliest opportunity.

The agreement with the Welsh Government allows for a period of 30 working days for it to provide a response to Committee recommendations. This means that a response to the report recommendations is expected during the Summer Recess. Due to the time sensitive nature of the issue, Committee members have agreed to hold the debate before receiving a response from the Welsh Government.

I would be grateful if you could consider our request for a Plenary debate slot as soon as possible, within reason. I will then advise the Deputy Minister for Culture,



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Sport and Tourism of our intention to hold the debate prior to receiving the Welsh Government's response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Mary Jones." The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Helen Mary Jones

Chair of the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

