

Mark Drakeford MS  
First Minister of Wales

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Dear Mark,

**Forward work planning and scoping – data justice**

As part of the committee's forward work programme considerations, the committee agreed to write seeking clarification on the following data protection and data justice questions. Your response will help to inform future scoping work that the Committee may undertake.

- Which Minister is responsible for control of data, biometric data, and digital rights?
- To what extent does the Welsh Government and the public sector use data-driven processes (such as algorithms and predictive analytics) to inform public sector planning and policy-making? Please provide examples.
- What is the Welsh Government's view of Scotland's decision to create a Biometrics Commissioner?
- Please set out the Welsh government's view on the regulatory framework governing the use of data including how it relates to the devolved settlement, the efficacy of existing arrangements, and the implications of Brexit for these arrangements in future.
- Can you supply a register or list of Data Protection Impact Assessments made by the Welsh Government so that requests can be made to see those of most interest?
- Did the Welsh Government respond to the UK Government 'Data a New Direction' consultation, and will that response be made public?

I would welcome a response by **14 January 2022**.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee