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Welsh Government

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National Museum Wales

Dear Dawn,

I am writing to you with regards to a recent [article](#) published in the Western Mail (5 March 2022) titled "Wales' national museums body riven by internal dispute".

The Committee was concerned to read of the reports of a dispute between senior management and the board of trustees at the National Museum Wales. This article also includes the concerns raised by the Auditor General for Wales in the Museum's [annual accounts for 2020-21](#).

The Committee understands that a Tailored Review of the National Museum Wales is ongoing, therefore the Committee will not make any comment at this stage. However, the Committee would be grateful if you could confirm:

- the number of internal reviews that are being, or have been, conducted since January 2020 and when each of these reviews will be concluded and/or published;
- the terms of reference for the Welsh Government's Tailored Review of the National Museum Wales, the intended completion date for this review and when the report will be published.

The Committee would also like to request copies of any internal reviews of the National Museum Wales commissioned by the Welsh Government that have been completed since January 2020. The Committee will not make these reports public.

Given the severity of the concerns highlighted in the Western Mail article and the importance National Museum Wales plays in Welsh public life, the Committee will keep a watching brief on this matter.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Jewell'.

Delyth Jewell MS

Chair

Culture, Communication, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee of the Welsh Parliament

