

Huw Irranca–Davies MS  
Chair, Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

26 May 2022

**Report on the Welsh Government’s Legislative Consent Memorandum on the British  
Sign Language Bill**

Dear Huw,

Thank you for your letter of 10 May 2022 drawing Business Committee’s attention to your Committee’s report on the Welsh Government’s Legislative Consent Memorandum on the British Sign Language Bill.

Business Committee considered the correspondence at its meeting on 17 May and noted the points you make in relation to Members' campaigns for legislation on British Sign Language to be introduced in the Senedd.

As you will be aware, Standing Order 26.87 states that the “Presiding Officer must from time to time hold a ballot to determine the name of a Member, other than a member of the government, who may seek agreement to introduce a Bill”. A proposal for a Member Bill on British Sign Language was tabled but was unsuccessful in the most recent ballot.

Consequently, under current Standing Orders it is not possible to create a link between a Members’ Legislative Proposal debated in the Senedd and the Member Bill process.

Business Committee agreed to consider a further paper regarding the potential for reviewing the selection process for Member Bills when this can be accommodated within our wider procedural work programme.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elin Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style.

**The Rt Hon. Elin Jones MS**

Y Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

