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Committee

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Dear Huw,

Historic Environment (Wales) Bill: Financial Implications

At our meeting on 7 July, the Finance Committee considered the Historic Environment (Wales) Bill (the Bill). As you will be aware, it is standard practice for the Finance Committee to consider the financial implication of Bills introduced into the Senedd. However, given that the Bill is a consolidation Bill, the Standing Orders set out distinct requirements that are different from the procedures that apply to public Bills.

In particular, consolidation Bills cannot give rise to additional significant costs. The Explanatory Memorandum (EM) accompanying the Bill must contain a statement from the Member in Charge confirming that the provisions of the Bill do not give rise to additional significant expenditure payable out of the Welsh Consolidated Fund and where a Bill gives rise to additional expenditure, it must set out the best estimates for this.

As such, the EM identifies that, if passed, there will be some small transitional costs associated with implementing the Bill, specifically transitional costs of approximately £50,000 which will be spread across the implementation period (2023-26). The EM further states that “the Bill is not expected to give rise to any additional costs beyond the implementation period”.



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Given that the Bill does not give rise to significant costs, the Finance Committee believes it would be more appropriate for your Committee to consider the financial implications of this Bill as part of your scrutiny work. If there is the likelihood that additional costs may arise, other than the transitional costs identified, I would be grateful if you could bring them to the attention of the Finance Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peredur Owen Griffiths', written in a cursive style.

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS
Chair of the Finance Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

