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Whip

Welsh Government

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### **Follow up from Committee meeting 2 February 2023**

Dear Dawn

Thank you for attending our Committee meeting on Thursday 2 February 2023 to discuss the recent allegations involving the Welsh Rugby Union. As ever, the Committee is grateful to you and Welsh Government officials for making the time to meet us.

Following our session, we would like to ask a number of follow up questions.

#### **Role of the Welsh Government**

We would like to better understand what the Welsh Government can and cannot do in matters such as the one that has arisen recently. For example, could you explain how the Welsh Government interacts with Sport Wales to raise concerns and address matters of concern in a national governing body which is subject to such toxic allegations?

Further, are you able to outline any power you may have to restrict funding, including any Welsh Government sponsorship, to a national governing body where you have serious concerns about activity that has alleged to have happened, especially when those concerns have also been raised in formal correspondence with you?

#### **Timeline of events**

We would like to better understand what you and the Welsh Government knew, and when, regarding the allegations that have been made against the Welsh Rugby Union. Could you provide us with a breakdown, in chronological order, of when issues were raised with you and when, and any actions taken including all meetings with the WRU? We would be grateful if this could include information relating to the meeting when your official was allowed to read a copy of the Review into Women's Rugby for twenty minutes, and what actions resulted from this.

#### **Publication of correspondence**

Finally, we would welcome copies of the correspondence you received from Tonia Antoniazzi MP in relation to this matter, and any formal response issued. Could you also outline what advice was provided to you by officials when you received this correspondence?



The Committee has decided to keep a close eye on this matter and will continue to follow other areas of inquiry related to it.

Yours sincerely,



Delyth Jewell MS

Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.