

Dyfed Edwards
Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board

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Dear Dyfed,

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board – EY report

Thank you for your email of 5 June 2023.

The Committee's legal basis for requesting the report is made under **section 37 (1) of the Government of Wales Act 2006** (as amended).

Section 37(1)(b) provides that the Senedd may require any person to produce for the purposes of the Senedd (or a Committee of the Senedd, in this case, the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee), documents in the possession, or under control, of the individual or organisation involved, in relation to any matter relevant to the exercise of the functions of the Welsh Ministers.

Section 38(1) enables the Clerk to serve a notice requiring an individual to attend Committee or to produce documents. There is also a provision to make it an offence if a person served with a notice under 38(1) does any of the things listed in section 39(1) (these include refusing to attend proceedings or refusing to produce documents). Committees rarely need to exercise this legal power, given that witnesses generally seek to assist the Senedd, as national legislature. This can be reputationally beneficial for those being asked to give evidence or produce documents.

On a general note, the report's contents pertain to an audit issue as a consequence of work undertaken by the Auditor General for Wales. As the Senedd's principal audit committee, which considers issues brought to it by the Auditor General, there is a clear mandate for the Committee to consider and scrutinise the contents of this report.

I trust you will give this matter careful consideration and I would be grateful if you could provide a substantive response as soon as possible.

Regards



Mark Isherwood MS

Chair of the Public Accounts and Public Administration Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.