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Dear Dawn

Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill

As you are aware, the Welsh Government formally introduced the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill ("the SC(ME) Bill") to the Senedd on 18 September 2023. The Reform Bill Committee's role is to undertake Stage 1 scrutiny of the general principles of the Bill.

We are currently gathering evidence to inform our conclusions and any recommendations we may wish to make. Among the evidence we have received to date has been:

- Oral evidence from the former Chair and a former member of the Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform.
- Written evidence from the former Chair of the Special Purpose Committee on Senedd Reform ("SPCSR").

The role of the Committee on Senedd Electoral Reform ("CSER") was to examine the recommendations made by the Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform. The subsequent remit of the SPCSR was to consider the conclusions reached by CSER and to make recommendations for policy instructions for a Welsh Government Bill on Senedd reform.

Therefore, while responsibility for the SC(ME) Bill and the provisions it contains rests with the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution as Member in charge of the Bill, we would like to offer you



the opportunity, in your capacity as the former Chair of CSER, to share with us any views that you have on the Bill.

We would welcome a written response by **Thursday 30 November 2023**.

Yours sincerely



David Rees MS
Chair, Reform Bill Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

