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**Supplementary Budget request - the Electoral Commission**

Dear Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution,

I am writing to you in your capacity as the Minister with responsibility for Senedd elections.

As you are aware, the Llywydd Committee has a responsibility to examine the Electoral Commission's estimates and plans. To help inform the Committee's decision, the Committee is required to consult the Welsh Ministers on the estimates and plans and have regard to any advice the Welsh Ministers may give.

The Commission informed the Committee that it would need to submit a Supplementary Estimate for 2022-23 on 20 October 2022. The Supplementary Estimate is seeking an additional £122,000 (which equates to an increase of 8.6% on its original Estimate for 2022-23) to meet pressures related to pay awards, campaign costs and the early voting pilots. The full details of the request are detailed in the attached letter

The Committee met on Monday 7 November to consider the estimate for 2023/24, and was able to consider this supplementary budget request at the same time. The Committee agreed in principle to this request, although we are required by Standing Orders to consult with Welsh Ministers once a variation is included in the supplementary budget. We would therefore appreciate receipt of any advice you wish to give by **Friday 24 February**.

. The Committee is required by Standing Orders to lay its report on the supplementary budget motion within three weeks of the supplementary budget being laid .



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I have also written to Rebecca Evans MS on this matter in her capacity as the Minister with responsibility for finance and local government elections in Wales.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in David.

**David Rees**

**Chair, Llywydd's Committee**

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

