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Chair, Independent Remuneration Board of the  
Senedd

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Dear Elizabeth

**Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Stage 1 report**

As you will be aware, we have been undertaking Stage 1 scrutiny of the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill. We would like to thank you and your official once again for giving evidence to inform our work.

Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the Committee's report which was **laid** today. We wish to draw your attention to the following recommendation:

**Recommendation 49.** As it prepares for the implementation of the reforms in the Bill, the Independent Remuneration Board of the Senedd should review the Political Parties Support Allowance and consider any other relevant provision that could be provided through its Determinations. During this process, it should consider in particular the extent to which the support available is equivalent to the level and types of support available elsewhere, including Short Money and Cranborne Money in the UK Parliament. The outcomes of this work should be implemented with effect from the start of the Seventh Senedd in 2026.

If possible, it would be helpful to receive a written response by **Friday 26 January 2024** to enable Members to reflect upon it before the Stage 1 debate.

Yours sincerely



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Chair, Reform Bill Committee

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