

Vikki Howells MS

Chair, Standards of Conduct Committee

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Dear Vikki

**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. 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 50.** The Standards of Conduct Committee should work with the Standards Commissioner, registered political parties, and such other stakeholders as it considers appropriate, to develop options for strengthening individual Members' accountability. This should include consideration of issues including recall of Members, disqualification arrangements and the sanctions available to the Standards of Conduct Committee when a complaint about a Member is upheld. Public consultation on potential options should be completed before the end of the Sixth 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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