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Chair, Reform Bill Committee

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**Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill: Response to recommendations made by
the Reform Bill Committee**

Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 19 January drawing our attention to the five recommendations made to the Business Committee in your Stage 1 Report on the Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Bill.

Please find a response from the Business Committee enclosed with this letter.

Kind regards,



The Rt Hon. Elin Jones MS
Y Llywydd and Chair of the Business Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

Response to the Reform Bill Committee's recommendations

Recommendations 4, 5, 17, and 25 relating to the Business Committee's proposed procedural review

Business Committee response: Accept recommendations 4, 5, 17, and 25

1. The Business Committee will consider these recommendations when it comes to establishing terms of reference for its Senedd Reform-related procedural review.
2. The Business Committee intends to consider draft terms of reference in the latter part of the Summer Term 2024, once there is certainty around the legislative changes that are to take place.
3. Subject to the Bill receiving Royal Assent, the procedural review is anticipated to begin during the Autumn Term 2024.

Recommendation 42 which calls on the Business Committee to consider proposing the establishment of a new committee in the Sixth Senedd to explore issues relating to job-sharing, or asking an existing Senedd committee with a relevant remit to undertake such work

Business Committee response: Accept

4. The Business Committee will consider the request made in this recommendation.
5. In terms of the timing of the Business Committee's consideration, it will take place once there is certainty around the legislative changes i.e. Summer Term 2024.