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Jenny Rathbone MS
Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee
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Dear Jenny,

The Welsh Government is preparing to lay regulations to add an additional eight public bodies to section 6(1) of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ('the WFG Act'). These public bodies are Qualifications Wales, Social Care Wales, Health Education and Improvement Wales, the Welsh Revenue Authority, Transport for Wales, Centre for Digital Public Services Ltd, Digital Health and Care Wales, and the Welsh Ambulance Services University NHS Trust.

Subject to the regulations being passed by the Senedd, the eight public bodies will be subject to the WFG Act's sustainable development and well-being duty from 30 June 2024.

In advance of laying the regulations, the accompanying Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment, I am providing an update on the estimated costs to the Future Generations Commissioner for Wales given previous interest by your Committees.

The Commissioner has provided an updated analysis of the estimated costs associated with discharging the Commissioner's general duty and statutory functions in respect of the additional eight public bodies. They have estimated that the total annual cost from 2024-25 onwards is £120,000 (£15,000 per additional public body). Following discussions as part of the challenging 2024-25 draft budget setting process, I am grateful the Commissioner has agreed this estimated cost and the associated opportunity costs will be met from the Commissioner's existing budget. Further detail will be provided in the Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment accompanying the regulations.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Since 2022 when we consulted on these changes, we have continued to work with the additional bodies and from October 2022 my officials have delivered peer-to-peer knowledge and learning exchanges to directly support the eight public bodies as they prepare to be subject to the duty. We continue to work with the eight additional public bodies as well as the Commissioner and the Auditor General for Wales on how best we can collectively support these public bodies realise the benefits of the well-being duty.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lesley Griffiths". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'L'.

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