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Dear Hannah,

Thank you for your letter to the Counsel General and Minister for Delivery, seeking confirmation of the Welsh Government's position on legislating in relation to the disqualification of Members and candidates found guilty of deliberate deception. I am replying as Senedd reform falls within my Ministerial responsibilities.

The Welsh Government remains committed to bringing forward legislation on this matter before 2026. The work the Standards of Conduct Committee is undertaking is the most appropriate way to approach this issue, and that of Member accountability more broadly, in the first instance so the government's work can take account of the outcome and recommendations of your inquiry.

I look forward to your invitation to give evidence to the Committee and the opportunity to discuss this matter with you in more detail.

Yours sincerely,

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