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Request for information as part of the inquiry into the disability employment gap

We are currently taking evidence as part of our inquiry into the disability employment gap. We have received powerful testimony which reminds us that we have much more to do to change attitudes and break down barriers that make life more difficult for disabled people.

We think that as a parliament, elected by the people, it is important that the Senedd aims to set a positive example to others. We would therefore welcome more information with regards to the Senedd Commission's disability employment gap. Please could you provide figures on the number of disabled people employed by the Senedd Commission and an outline of how the Commission ensures that its recruitment practices and procedures are fair and accessible particularly in respect of disability. Is there a reason why the Senedd Commission has decided not to obtain Level 3 Disability Confidence Leader status (Levels 1 and 2 are self-certifying therefore potentially less meaningful)?

We would like to thank you in advance for considering our request and would welcome a response by close of play on 22 November if at all possible so that Members can consider before we conclude gathering with a ministerial evidence session on the 25th.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Equality and Social Justice Committee

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