

Jayne Bryant MS
Cabinet Secretary for Housing and Local Government

4 June 2025

Dear Jayne

The Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) Order 2025

At our meeting on 2 June 2025, the Committee considered The Senedd Cymru (Representation of the People) Order 2025 (the Conduct Order). Our report has now been laid before the Senedd.

You will be aware that the Committee's report contains 36 technical reporting points: seven relate to potential defective drafting, 14 highlight inconsistencies between the English and Welsh texts, and one notes the use of gender specific language.

The Committee acknowledges that the Conduct Order is large, amounting to around 400 pages in each language. Nonetheless, the high number of potential defective drafting issues and instances where the English and Welsh language texts do not match is of concern to us.

We are aware that the Welsh Government's preparation of the Conduct Order has been in the making for some time, and it was the subject of a lengthy public consultation which began in November last year.

While we have requested a formal response to the specific points raised in our report, and look forward to receiving that in due course, we would welcome clarity on the process which has led to the Conduct Order being laid before the Senedd containing the errors and inconsistencies we identify.

We are aware that the Welsh Government plans to seek the Senedd's approval of the Conduct Order on 8 July 2025. We would therefore also welcome clarity on whether it remains your intention to seek approval of the Conduct Order in its present form.

The Committee would welcome an urgent response by 12 June 2025.

I am copying this letter to the Rt Hon Eluned Morgan MS, First Minister of Wales, and Julie James MS, Counsel General and Minister for Delivery.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Hedges". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Mike Hedges
Chair