

David Rees MS

Chair, Member Accountability Bill Committee

21 October 2025

Dear David,

Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes: publication of pre-introduction Bills

As you know, the Business Committee is reviewing the Senedd's processes relating to Public Bills. This includes matters relating to Bill timetabling, and, in particular, the Welsh Government's recent practice of publishing pre-introduction versions of Bills introduced during Year 5 of the Sixth Senedd.

As a Committee that is involved in the Stage 1 scrutiny of a Bill that has been published in accordance with this practice, we would welcome your views. For example:

1. Whether the publication of the Bill prior to its formal introduction was useful.
2. Whether it enabled you to take any decisions or carry out any activities that you would otherwise have been unable to.
3. Whether there were any associated disadvantages, limitations or risks.
4. Whether future Welsh Governments should be encouraged to continue the practice of publishing Bills prior to formal introduction.

We would be grateful if you could send your response to SeneddBusiness@senedd.wales by Friday 14 November 2025.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Elin Jones MS
Chair of the Business Committee

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elin Jones".

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.