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Dear Llywydd

**Consultation: Reviewing Committee Effectiveness in the Sixth Senedd**

Thank you for consulting with the Petitions Committee on the committee system and considerations for the Seventh Senedd. As Chair of the Petitions Committee I would like to highlight how important it has been for the smooth operation of the Committee and its work programme to have a membership of five, as opposed to the four members the Committee was originally allocated at the start of the Sixth Senedd. The Committee's membership was increased to five on 16 November 2022.

A four member Committee with a quorum of three means it does not take much for the continuity of Committee business to be put in jeopardy. A membership of five offers greater stability. I would therefore welcome this being taken into account in decisions on the appropriate size of Committees in the Seventh Senedd.

Yours Sincerely,



**Carolyn Thomas MS**

**Chair**

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.