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Llywydd  
Chair, Business Committee

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Annwyl Lywydd

**Pwnc | Subject: Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill – impact of the timetable on scrutiny**

When I wrote to you on 31 October 2025 regarding the Welsh Government's proposed timetable for the scrutiny of the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill, I expressed the Committee's concerns that the timetable will mean our work scrutinising this proposed legislation will be challenging.

At our meeting yesterday, we conducted our fourth evidence session; later this week we will be meeting for a second time to hold a further two evidence sessions. Despite our efforts to seek to gather evidence on the Bill, we are increasingly concerned that there is insufficient time available to us to fully consider the Bill's provisions and its implications should it be passed into law.

The timetable set for us means that only a little over two weeks were available to the public to share their views on the Bill. We have received only sixteen consultation responses, none of which reflect the views of the ordinary Welsh citizen and we believe this is due to the incredibly short consultation period. Furthermore, several of the submissions we have received have highlighted concerns with the pace at which the Bill may progress through the Senedd.

While we will continue with our work, the Committee wishes to make it clear that the introduction of the Bill so late into this Sixth Senedd and the consequential timetable set by the Business Committee is challenging our ability to discharge our responsibility to report to the Senedd on the general principles of the Bill.

I am copying this letter to the Finance Committee and to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David F. Rees." The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in David.

David Rees MS  
Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.  
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.