

The Rt Hon Elin Jones MS, Llywydd
Chair of the Business Committee
By email

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Dear Elin,

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

Thank you for your letter of 10 October 2025 and for the opportunity to comment on the Welsh Government's recent practice of publishing pre-introduction versions of Bills introduced during Year 5 of the Sixth Senedd.

The Finance Committee's considers the financial implications of Bills introduced in the Senedd, which involves scrutinising the cost estimates outlined in the Regulatory Impact Assessment published as part of the Explanatory Memorandum accompanying each Bill, in accordance with the requirements set out under Standing Order 26.6.

As the Welsh Government does not publish cost estimates alongside its draft Bills, this new approach has not affected our ability to scrutinise their financial impact. It has neither enabled earlier consideration by the Committee of the costs associated with each Bill nor altered our general approach to legislative scrutiny.

Whilst early sight of draft Bills may be useful to stakeholders and other committees, this approach has no discernible impact on our consideration of the financial implications of Bills.

Yours sincerely,



Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair of the Finance Committee

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