

Peredur Owen Griffiths
Chair
Finance Committee
Senedd Cymru

13 January 2026

Dear Peredur

Financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

Thank you for your Stage 1 report on the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill.

A number of recommendations are directed to the Counsel General, but with the intention of her working in consultation with the Senedd Commission and other bodies to deliver them. Subject to the Counsel General's view, the Senedd Commission will continue to work constructively with the Welsh Government to refine cost estimates during the Bill's passage.

However, Recommendation 3 is specifically directed to the Senedd Commission. A response is detailed below:

Recommendation 3: "The Committee recommends that the Senedd Commission establishes a separate and clearly identifiable budget line for lay member costs in its annual budget documentation to ensure clarity and transparency."

Response: Accept.

The Senedd Commission will seek to deliver this recommendation, whilst taking into account that it will be for the Senedd to determine whether to appoint Lay



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Members, and their number. Commission officials will consider what to use as the basis of an estimate and where the budget will sit.

Yours sincerely,

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

Elin Jones MS

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