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Ken Skates, MS, Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales

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Dear Jayne and Ken,

The Armed Forces Bill

The [Equality and Social Justice Committee](#) met on 23 February 2026 to consider the Legislative Consent Memorandum relating to the [Armed Forces Bill](#).

Members raised a number of questions and would like to know:

- What discussions has Welsh Government had with the UK Government about providing funding to meet the cost of implementing the Bill;
- What are the views of Welsh Government in relation to Clause 3 and does Welsh Government have any concerns about the potential use of compulsory purchase powers in Wales by the Defence Housing Service (DHS); and
- Has Welsh Government sought clarification on how the DHS will be expected to work with Welsh Government and local authorities in Wales.

Given the strict and fast approaching reporting deadlines in this case, we look forward to hearing from you and would appreciate if you could provide a response by 9 March 2026.

This letter is being shared with the Local Government and Housing Committee.

Yours sincerely,



Jenny Rathbone MS

Chair, Equality and Social Justice Committee