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Peredur Griffiths AS/MS
Chair, Finance Committee

10 March 2026

Dear Peredur

Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill

Further to my letter of 9 January 2026 regarding the Welsh Government's response to the Finance Committee's recommendations on the financial implications of the Senedd Cymru (Member Accountability and Elections) Bill, I am writing to provide an updated position ahead of Stage 3 proceedings.

In accordance with Standing Order 26.28, I have today laid before the Senedd a revised Explanatory Memorandum which takes account of amendments made to the Bill at Stage 2. The Explanatory Memorandum also includes a revised Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA), which responds to a number of the committee recommendations at Stage 1.

My officials have continued to work closely with the Senedd Commission on the Committee's recommendations and further detail has been provided in the RIA in respect of:

- Costs for providing lay Members to be appointed to the Standards of Conduct Committee with an induction programme, and
- The opportunity costs associated with the Commissioner for Standards undertaking own initiative investigations.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am copying this letter to the Llywydd, the Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and all Members of the Senedd for information.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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