

Jack Sargeant MS
Minister for Culture, Skills and Social Partnership
Welsh Government

4 March 2025

Dear Jack,

At our meeting on 19 February 2025, the Committee considered the Culture Division Review, excerpts of which have recently been published by the journalist, Will Hayward.

The Committee would like to request:

- A copy of the Culture Division Review produced by Resolution at Work Ltd.
- Details of actions that the Welsh Government has taken in response to the issues raised in this review.
- The Minister's assessment of the extent to which the department today resembles the description in the review.
- Whether any issues identified in the review are still outstanding (and, if so, if you could please provide a timescale for addressing them.)

The Committee has raised a number of concerns about the delivery of the Welsh Government's Programme for Government commitments (for example the National Contemporary Art Gallery, the Culture Strategy and the devolution of broadcasting) in reports and correspondence. Against this backdrop, the depiction of the Division in excerpts from the leaked report – that there is “no sense of longer-term strategic planning” and “described as in chaos and survival mode” – is one we find alarming. We are also worried about the effect which such an environment would have on staff.

I look forward to receiving your response by 1 April 2025.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Jewell'.

Delyth Jewell MS
Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.