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Dear David,

Inquiry into the Disqualification of Membership from the National Assembly for Wales

I am writing further to my letter of 03 September, when I suggested that the Welsh Government would provide its response to your report following consideration in the House of Lords of Lord Thomas of Gresford's amendment to the Wales Bill. I also suggested that the debate on your report could then take place in early November, so that the Assembly could be informed of the result of consideration of the amendment when debating the report.

As you may be aware Lord Thomas of Gresford's amendment was considered on 13 October. While this amendment was not voted on by the Lords, there was some informative discussion on the issue of disqualification from Assembly membership, and a commitment from Baroness Randerson, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Wales Office, to work with the Welsh Government on this issue.

I now enclose the Welsh Government's response to your report. I note that the Assembly debate on your report is to take place on the 05 November, and I hope that the Welsh Government's response will also help to inform that debate.

My thanks once again for the Committee's work on this inquiry.

I am copying this letter to the Minister for Finance and Government Business.

Yours sincerely

CARWYN JONES