



**Pwyllgor Cyllid**  
**Finance Committee**  
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Alun Ffred Jones AM  
Chair of the Environment and Sustainability  
Committee

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Dear Alun Ffred

**Inquiry into the Consideration of Powers: Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**

The Finance Committee has agreed to undertake an [inquiry into the consideration of powers of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales](#). Nick Bennett, the Ombudsman has highlighted five main areas for changes to the [Public Services Ombudsman \(Wales\) Act 2005](#) which he believes will strengthen the role. These include own-initiative powers, accepting oral complaints, complaints handling across public services, jurisdiction and links with the courts. The Ombudsman has provided a [background paper](#) outlining each of these proposals.

As the role of the Ombudsman cuts across Committee remits, I am writing to Committee Chairs to notify them of our inquiry and consultation. I would be grateful if you could forward the consultation on to any individuals or organisations that may wish to contribute to the inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

**Jocelyn Davies AM**  
**Committee Chair**