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Darren Millar AM  
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Dear Darren,

Your letter of 23 October 2014 requested my views on the governance and funding arrangements for the independent Commissioners, following scrutiny by the Public Accounts Committee of the 2013-14 annual accounts for each Commissioner.

The posts of Older People's Commissioner, Children's Commissioner and Welsh Language Commissioner were established at different times and under different legislation, but I believe that in terms of governance and funding all three should operate in a uniform manner, unless there is a compelling reason not to do so. In June 2014 the (then) Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty launched an independent review of the role and functions of the Children's Commissioner for Wales, led by Dr Mike Shooter. The review is expected to conclude in December and I expect it to have considered the governance and funding arrangements. It would therefore be inappropriate for me to comment on such arrangements for any of the Commissioners, or pre-empt the findings of the review, before that time.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane".

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