Cynulliad Cenedlaethol Cymru National Assembly for Wales



Alun Ffred Jones AM Chair, Environment and Sustainability Committee.

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Dear Ffred

Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill

At the Finance Committee meeting on 16 July the Committee considered the financial implications of this Bill. At this stage we have decided not to ask the Minister to attend Committee but we have written to him on a number of points. I attach a copy of this letter for your information.

Furthermore, there are a number of areas in the Bill which your committee may wish to consider with public sector stakeholders, namely:

## Costs to specified public bodies

The EM states that the costs to public bodies in Wales of meeting the requirements of the Bill are intended to be met within existing resources for setting corporate objectives and reporting against them. The EM also explains that the Welsh Government commissioned research to establish the baseline costs for setting strategic objectives within organisations 5. The EM details how PSBs will have increased costs of around £537,000 over the first five years of the Bill for attending meetings, publishing well-being assessments and additional scrutiny arrangements. It would be useful to verify these figures with the specified public bodies to see if they think they are realistic and whether they may need to reprioritise away from frontline resources.

Yours sincerely,

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