

Elin Jones MS
Llywydd

Dyddiad | Date: 21 July 2021

Pwnc | Subject: **Committee timetable**

Dear Llywydd,

Thank you for your letter of 14 July detailing the Committee Timetable agreed by the Business Committee at its meeting on 13 July. It is useful to know the timing and frequency of Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee ('the Committee') meetings in order to plan our work programme.

The Committee discussed the timetable at its meeting on 14 July and Members are concerned that a single morning slot every fortnight will not allow us to cover the breadth and depth of the issues facing the organisations and individuals within our portfolio.

I understand that the timetable has been designed to accommodate the peaks and troughs of legislative scrutiny and allow for greater flexibility. However, it will be difficult for the Committee to take advantage of any additional meeting slots when our membership is shared with committees meeting in the 'off weeks'.

In order to maximise our opportunities for scrutiny of this portfolio, the Committee has had initial conversations about exploring alternative ways of working and gathering evidence. I would be grateful for further guidance on how this work can be accommodated. In particular, on the type of activity committees can undertake during the 'off weeks' and the mechanism for arranging to carry it out.

Committee Members have indicated their preference for the Business Committee to review the timetable earlier than your planned date of Easter 2022. Please can you pass our concerns to the Business Committee and consider our request for an earlier review of the timetable?

Yours sincerely,

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

Delyth Jewell MS

Chair

Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport and International Relations Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



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