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Rt Hon. Elin Jones MS
Chair
Chairs Forum

23 July 2025

Dear Elin,

I attended the Committee for the Scrutiny of the First Minister on 13 December 2024, and whilst I made clear my view that Senedd Committees do great work, I also expressed concern about the volume of recommendations which are often made by Committees to the Welsh Government.

As a government, we need to be realistic about our ability to deliver Committee recommendations and of the need to consider recommendations in the context of the limited resources which are available. If the current volume continues, the government is likely to need to reject more recommendations going forward to ensure we can continue to focus on delivering for the people of Wales.

I am keen to get to a position where Committees, in carrying out their work, concentrate on fewer recommendations, with a focus on specific and clearly defined recommendations which will have the greatest impact as appropriate to the matter under consideration.

In making these observations, I do not seek to fetter the critical work of our Senedd Committees in scrutinising and holding the government to account. Targeting efforts and experience in this way however, will help us collectively to continue to deliver effectively for the people of Wales.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I would be grateful if this could be fed back to the Chair of each Committee, who I'm sure will wish to consider prior to the expansion of the Senedd. We will also respond with further detail to your letter of 8 July seeking views as part of the Chairs' Forum review of Committee operations in the sixth Senedd.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eluned Morgan', written in a cursive style.

Eluned Morgan