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Dear Michael

## **Wales Bill**

The National Assembly's Interim Committee on Constitutional and Legislative Affairs is scrutinising the UK Government's Wales Bill that is currently proceeding through the House of Commons.

The Bill will have a considerable impact on how laws are drafted in Wales and how the law is administered through the justice system.

While we are inviting the Secretary of State for Wales to give evidence, that session will focus on all aspects of the Bill and would not give us the same opportunity to explore important issues in detail relating to the legal system.

We would like an opportunity to discuss these issues directly with you.

We would like to hold this session in early July and it would last no longer than an hour. There is flexibility on the date and timing of the session dependent



on your diary, although should it be easier, we could arrange to take evidence via video-conference.

I hope you will look favourably on this request and look forward to hearing from you soon.

I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Wales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Melding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

**David Melding AM**  
**Chair**

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.  
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

