

Dr Dai Lloyd AM  
Chair, Health, Social Care and Sport Committee

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Dear Dai

### **Wales Bill**

We are currently scrutinising the Wales Bill as it goes through the UK Parliament. Its Committee stage was completed on 11 July in the House of Commons, and we envisage Report Stage and Third Reading will be in September, before the Bill progresses to the House of Lords.

We have already taken evidence from a range of academics and legal experts, as well as the First Minister and y Llywydd. We have invited the Secretary of State for Wales to give evidence but he has, so far, declined the invitation.

We held an excellent stakeholder event to discuss the Bill in Siambr Hywel earlier this month, which brought together stakeholders from the legal profession, academia and devolved policy areas. Building on this event, we have launched an online engagement forum to continue the discussion with stakeholders as the Bill progresses.

Our predecessor Committee was able to draw on the excellent work undertaken by your predecessor Committee when considering the draft Bill. The work of the Committees was incredibly helpful, especially in considering the policy impact of the specific reservations within their remits and the ability to make coherent, joined-up laws. I enclose a copy of the correspondence for your reference.

We would therefore welcome any views you have on the Wales Bill, particularly in respect of the impact of the reservations on your remits and whether the pre-



legislative scrutiny has changed the position outlined in your predecessor Committee's letters.

Our Committee is hoping to influence the House of Lords' scrutiny of the Bill, as well as informing the Assembly's debate when the Legislative Consent Motion is tabled. While we do not have a set timeframe for our deliberations, if you do wish to respond, it would be helpful to us, if we had this information in the first few weeks of the autumn term.

Yours sincerely

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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

