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Dear Carl

You will be aware that the Equalities, Local Government and Communities Committee is currently undertaking post-legislative scrutiny work on the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015. A copy of the terms of reference for our inquiry is enclosed. The inquiry will run until the end of October and we are aiming to conclude our work and report on our findings by mid-November.

I understand that the Welsh Government launched its consultation on a draft National Strategy on Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence over the summer recess with a closing date for responses of 10 October. I am also aware that the Welsh Government must publish its final Strategy in November in line with the timings set out in the Act. While consideration of the draft Strategy does not feature in our terms of reference, given the timing of our respective consultations and the significance of the Strategy, we anticipate that it is something that is likely to be raised during the course of our inquiry and to feature in our report.

In view of the above, I thought it would be helpful to give you an indication of the timing of our inquiry with a view to you making the necessary arrangements to allow our findings to feed into the final stages of the development of the Strategy.

Kind regards



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Cadeirydd / Chair

