

8 May 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Inquiry into the financial estimates accompanying legislation – Consultation

The Finance Committee is undertaking an inquiry to assess the accuracy and reliability of estimated costs provided by the Welsh Government in the Regulatory Impact Assessments accompanying legislation. Further details about the inquiry can be found on the Assembly's website:

<http://www.senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=19019>

The terms of reference for the inquiry can be found in Annexe 1.

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes evidence from those with an interest in this subject.

If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

The National Assembly for Wales has two official languages, Welsh and English. In line with the Assembly's Official Languages Scheme, the Committee requests that documents or written responses to consultations intended for publication or use in National Assembly proceedings are submitted bilingually. When documents or written responses are not submitted bilingually, we will publish in the language submitted, stating that it has been received in that language only.

We expect other organisations to implement their own standards or schemes and to comply with their statutory obligations.

The Committee will consider responses to the inquiry and hold oral evidence sessions during the summer term.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to: seneddfinance@assembly.wales



Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk
Finance Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by **2 June 2017**. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date. [Guidance](#) for those providing evidence for committees is available.

We would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that might like to contribute to the inquiry. A copy of this letter has been placed on the Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Disclosure of Information

The Assembly's [policy on disclosure of information](#) is available, please ensure that you have considered these details carefully before submitting information to the Committee. Alternatively a hard copy of this policy can be requested by contacting the Clerk (Catherine Hunt 0300 200 6347).

Yours faithfully,



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Annexe 1 – Terms of reference

- To examine the costs of legislation, with specific reference to the costs associated with a selected sample of Acts, namely:
 - the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014, Qualifications (Wales) Act 2015, Housing (Wales) Act 2014 and Well-Being of Future Generations Act 2015;
- To examine the current reporting and monitoring arrangements for legislative costs after implementation;
- To establish the effectiveness and quality of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been produced and how this informs cost monitoring.

