

The Rt Hon Carwyn Jones AM  
First Minister of Wales

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Dear Carwyn

### **Commissioners Bill**

In a debate on the Children's Commissioner for Wales's Annual Report 2015-16 on 15 November last year, I indicated that we had been considering undertaking some work on the appointment and accountability of commissioners.

Having considered the issues further, we have decided to introduce a Bill on this issue. In very broad terms, the purpose of the Bill will be to make specific constitutional watchdogs, which have responsibility for overseeing governmental propriety, accountable to the legislature rather than the executive.

We do not as yet have a firm timetable for introduction of the Bill, particularly because of the considerable implications for us of scrutinising legislation arising from the UK's decision to exit the European Union. However, it is our intention to consult on a draft Bill, probably later this year.

I will let you know when we intend to consult and ensure that you are kept up to date with our proposed timetable for introduction of the Bill.

I am writing in similar terms to the Llywydd.

Yours sincerely



### **Huw Irranca-Davies**

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

