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Dear Simon

The investigation into election fraud conducted by Sir Eric Pickles published its report, *Securing the ballot* recently. The report makes 50 recommendations in total. Recommendation 38 in particular will be of interest to you and the other members of the Finance Committee since it suggests extending the powers of the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales.

I include the text of the recommendation and a link to the report, for your information, in the context of the recommendation of the previous Finance Committee in the Fourth Administration of the Assembly that the draft Bill it consulted on, the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill should be introduced by the committee succeeding it.

R38. In conjunction with the devolved administrations, the Government should consider implementing a process for electors' complaints about the administration of elections (which do not aim to overturn the result) to be investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman in England, the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, the Public Service Ombudsman for Wales, and the Northern Ireland Ombudsman as a means of providing an appropriate and accessible channel for considering complaints of a less serious nature

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/securing-the-ballot-review-into-electoral-fraud>

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Drakeford". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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