

## Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform

### **Background**

1. The Chair of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform has written to all Committee Chairs, seeking views on the potential implications for Assembly committees of any change in the size of the Assembly.

2. In particular, they would like the Committee's view on the following:

- Whether the current size of the Assembly has given rise to any implications or limitations for our work or the way in which we approach policy, legislative and financial scrutiny;
- How any recent or anticipated changes to the Assembly's powers or responsibilities, or the broader constitutional context, might affect our remit or how we undertake our role.
- Any implications an increase in the size of the Assembly might have for the work of Assembly committees, including the support services they receive.

3. We have also been asked to provide information about how we assess the impact of our scrutiny work, and examples of effective scrutiny or missed opportunities.

### **Action for Committee**

4. Members are invited to consider and discuss each of the points above. The Clerk will then draft a response setting out the Committee's collective view.

Committee Chairs  
National Assembly for Wales

16 December 2019

Dear Chair,

### **Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform**

As you will be aware, the **Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform** was established by the National Assembly for Wales in September 2019 with a remit to examine the recommendations of the **Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform**. I am writing to invite your views on the potential implications for Assembly committees of any change in the size of the Assembly.

In particular, we would welcome the views of your Committee on:

- Whether the current size of the Assembly has given rise to any implications or limitations for your Committee's work or the way in which you approach policy, legislative and financial scrutiny of the issues within your remit.
- How any recent or anticipated changes to the Assembly's powers or responsibilities, or the broader constitutional context, might affect your Committee's remit or how you undertake your role.
- Any implications an increase in the size of the Assembly might have for the work of Assembly committees, including the support services they receive.

We would also welcome information about how your Committee assesses the impact of its scrutiny work, and examples of effective scrutiny or missed opportunities. It would be helpful to receive your response **by Monday 27 January 2020**.



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I will be making an oral statement in Plenary on Wednesday 8 January 2020 to provide an update on the Committee's work. In the meantime, if you have any questions about the work of the Committee, or would find it helpful to meet to discuss these issues, please contact the Committee clerk, Helen Finlayson, at [seneddreform@assembly.wales](mailto:seneddreform@assembly.wales) or on 0300 200 6341.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chair, Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform**

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

