

Dawn Bowden AM

Chair of the Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform

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Dear Dawn,

At our meeting on 8 January we discussed your letter on the potential implications for committees of any change in the size of the Assembly.

Members commented that if there were more Assembly Members and larger committee membership it would give them the chance to specialise in subject areas within the committee remit. For instance, by establishing sub-groups on particular topics.

They also said that the current size of committees means they are often asked to substitute for other Members to ensure each group is represented at all committee meetings, leaving less time for individuals to prepare for, and follow up, on the issues discussed.

Members agreed that the quality of our scrutiny work would be improved with larger committee membership which would enable more capacity for developing expertise through specialisation.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Committee