

Eluned Morgan AM

Minister for International Affairs and the Welsh Language

Welsh Government

17 February 2020

Dear Eluned,

Aled Roberts, the Welsh Language Commissioner has written to the Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee in response to my request for him to comment on his budget allocation for 2020/21.

I would be grateful if you could respond to the issues he raises which include:

- The steps the Welsh Government can take to improve transparency of spending on the Welsh language;
- Concerns that the current level of funding for the Welsh language does not correspond with the ambition of Cymraeg 2050 and the risk that a lack of investment could undermine efforts to achieve the strategy;
- The lack of additional funding to implement projects in the following areas:
 - Increasing the use of Welsh language services
 - Using Welsh within the workplace
 - Support for the health and local government sectors
 - Research for policy work and to support the Commissioner's next 5 year report
 - Further support for businesses and charities; and
- The lack of sufficient funding to fill all the current vacancies in the staffing structure.

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Y Pwyllgor Diwylliant, y Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu

National Assembly for Wales
Culture, Welsh Language and Communications Committee

In order for me to inform the work of the Committee I would be grateful if you could reply by 10 March 2020.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bethan Sayed".

Bethan Sayed

Chair of the Committee