

Dr Andrew Goodall
Permanent Secretary
Welsh Government

7 February 2022

Dear Permanent Secretary,

Public Bodies Unit (PBU)

Thank you for attending the Committee meeting, along with your officials on 26 January. I have listed the action points and observations arising from the meeting below.

- You committed to report to the Committee with an evaluation on the overall process around arm's-length bodies and the PBU's work as part of this process, in the next financial year. We look forward to considering this evaluation and will seek to take evidence from you in response to its conclusions.
- You agreed to update the [Register of devolved public bodies](#), which had not been updated since June 2018, imminently. We note that this document was updated on 31 January 2022. Members welcome your commitment to ensuring that this document is regularly updated in the future.
- In response to a question about the sponsorship role of individual departments, you committed to providing a diagram of the relationship between the PBU and Partnership Teams across Welsh Government departments. We look forward to receiving this diagram.
- You committed to providing the Committee with recent figures on the Welsh Government's progress in delivering the five diversity and inclusion goals for public appointments, included in the [Reflecting Wales in Running Wales](#) report. We look forward to reviewing the data collated to date and in future scrutiny sessions.
- The Committee is eager to continue reviewing the Welsh Government's tailored review process and would like to consider this with you in further detail at a future scrutiny session. We note that the National Museum for Wales has asked to be a part of the tailored review


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process, however the Committee remains concerned about the risk-based approach being used. The Welsh Government has previously indicated that the PBU will draft a timetable setting out the details of all tailored reviews of arm's-length bodies in Wales, over the 5-year term of the new Government. The Committee notes that this timetable was not provided in the Welsh Government's evidence paper and we look forward to receiving and reviewing the timetable in due course.

During the private consideration of the evidence received, Members agreed to return to this issue with you in the Autumn 2022 term, following their consideration of your response to the above points. With that in mind, I would be grateful if you could provide a response by 31 March 2022.

Thank you.

Regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Mark Isherwood', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mark Isherwood MS
Committee Chair

