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## Draft Public Audit (Amendment) Wales Bill

Dear Rebecca,

Thank you for your [letter of 3 March 2022](#), in relation to the proposed Draft Public Audit (Amendment) Wales Bill. I am disappointed that you are not willing to provide any policy or legal resource should the Committee decide to introduce the Bill. As you are aware, the Finance Committee in the Fifth Senedd considered this issue in detail and [recommended](#) that a Bill should be introduced as soon as possible in the Sixth Senedd.

My view is that the case for legislation remains strong. These issues are still pressing and cannot be achieved without amending the current legislation, as your own officials have confirmed.

I would therefore like you to set out the Welsh Government's formal position on each of the draft Bill proposals and confirm categorically whether you are supportive of the Committee introducing this Bill. If not, I would appreciate further information on how you believe the areas which the Bill seeks to address should be taken forward.

My understanding is that Audit Wales is still in favour of making changes through this proposed Bill and I remain supportive of its introduction so long as the need for legislation in this area remains justified.

I would welcome your continued correspondence on this issue with a view to progressing the matter during the Sixth Senedd.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peredur Owen Griffiths'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial 'P' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS

Chair of the Finance Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

