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Welsh Government

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Dear Jane

Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill: engagement with the Wales Office

Thank you for attending our meeting yesterday to discuss the Bill. I am writing to seek clarification on your engagement to date with the Wales Office on the Bill.

We note that Welsh Government officials have had discussions about the Bill with officials at the Ministry of Justice and the Information Commissioner's office. Yesterday, you agreed to share with us correspondence between the Secretary of State for Wales and the First Minister, which you said included an offer from the First Minister for "officials to meet at an appropriate time after the committees have considered and reported on the Bill".

I would be grateful if you could confirm whether there has been any engagement between Welsh Government and Wales Office officials on the Bill to date, including the nature of any discussions. If no engagement has taken place, please could you explain why this has been the case.

To ensure that this information can inform our Stage 1 report, it would be helpful to receive your response **by 10 May 2024**.

Yours sincerely



David Rees MS

Chair, Reform Bill Committee

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.