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Reform Bill Committee

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Dear David,

### **Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill: Stage 1 report**

Thank you for your letter of 7 June 2024 regarding the Committee's Stage 1 report on the Senedd Cymru (Electoral Candidate Lists) Bill, and drawing my attention to two recommendations made to the Senedd Commission ("the Commission").

I would like to put on record my thanks to the Committee for completing its Stage 1 consideration of the Bill within the timescale afforded to it, and for producing a report which displays the rigour which has become typical of the Committee's work. I look forward to what I'm sure will be an engaging Stage 1 debate, informed by the Committee's findings.

In relation to the recommendations which are directed to the Senedd Commission (recommendations 20 and 21), I can confirm that the Senedd Commission will respond formally to these recommendations once it has had opportunity to give them their due consideration. The Commission will begin consideration at the soonest available opportunity.

As an organisation, the Commission is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion, and in ensuring these principles are at the heart of what it does; equality impact assessments are undertaken routinely to ensure that the projects, policies and services designed by the Commission are fair and inclusive.

The recommendations include aspects which, if accepted, will likely constitute additional work to be undertaken (and/or commissioned) by the Commission. As such, the recommendations will need to be carefully considered in the context of the Commission's current work programme and budget, alongside an assessment of what is practically achievable within the necessary timescales.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elin Jones', written in a cursive style.

The Rt. Hon. Elin Jones MS/AS

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