



Ein cyf/Our ref FM -/10334/24

Carolyn Thomas MS
Chair - Petitions Committee
Senedd Cymru

11th November 2024

Dear Carolyn,

I am writing in response to your letter of 27 September regarding Petition P-06-1466 'Call for an early Senedd election'.

Wales' electoral system provides for a parliamentary democracy, in which members of the public vote to determine the composition of the Welsh Parliament, and the Members of that Parliament then elect their proposed candidate for appointment as First Minister of Wales.

This is reflected in my own appointment.

I was appointed as Welsh Labour leader on 24 July 2024.

The Welsh Parliament was recalled during its summer break to nominate a new First Minister of Wales. Ahead of the meeting, Vaughan Gething MS officially submitted his resignation to the King and this was accepted by His Majesty.

The Senedd met on [6 August 2024](#) and under Standing Order 12.3 invited nominations for the appointment of First Minister of Wales.

As there was more than one nomination a vote was conducted by roll call. The Presiding Officer invited each Member present to vote for a candidate.

As I received more votes than the total number of votes cast for all other candidates I was nominated for appointment as First Minister of Wales, and in accordance with Section 47(4) of the Government of Wales Act, a recommendation was made to His Majesty that I was appointed as First Minister. I was subsequently appointed as First Minister on the same day.

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Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

It may be noted that Senedd elections currently take place every five years. However, the **Senedd Cymru (Members and Elections) Act**, which was given Royal Assent on 24 June 2024 provides for the reduction of the length of Senedd Terms from five years to four years by changing the frequency of ordinary general elections. This would mean that following the ordinary general election in May 2026, the following ordinary general elections will be held on the first Thursday in May 2030, then May 2034 and so on.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the petition.

Yours sincerely,



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