

Julie James MS
Counsel General and Minister for Delivery
By email

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Dear Julie,

Financial implications of the the Planning (Wales) Bill and the Planning (Consequential Provisions) (Wales) Bill

The Committee considered the financial implications of the the Planning (Wales) Bill and the Planning (Consequential Provisions) (Wales) Bill (the Bills) at its meeting on 18 September 2025.

We note that the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) estimates that the Bills will give rise to transitional costs totalling £247,000 over the appraisal period, comprising approximately £74,100 for Welsh Government, £45,300 for planning authorities, and £127,800 for private industries.

To assist its scrutiny of the financial implications of the Bills, the Committee asks you to provide further information in response to the following questions:

- What methodology has been used to estimate the transitional costs identified in the RIA, particularly in relation to staffing and the costs falling on private industries?
- What input has planning authorities, planning consultants and private law firms had in the calculation of the costs identified in the RIA?
- The RIA states that “The identified costs for Welsh Government are one-off and opportunity costs of staff time and do not represent an additional financial outlay”. How confident are you in these estimates?
- The RIA does not identify any savings arising from these Bills. Can you confirm whether an assessment of cost savings has been made and provide a breakdown?

I am copying this letter to the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peredur Owen Griffiths', written in a cursive style.

Peredur Owen Griffiths MS, Chair of the Finance Committee

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