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Senedd Cymru | Welsh Parliament

Y Pwyllgor Busnes | Business Committee

Adolygiad o'r broses ar gyfer Biliau Cyhoeddus a Biliau Aelod | Review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes

Ymateb gan: Comisiwn y Senedd | Evidence from: Senedd Commission

Business Committee
Welsh Parliament
Ty Hywel
Cardiff

24 March 2025

Dear Business Committee

Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes

Thank you for your letter of 21 January 2025, and for the opportunity to contribute to the **Business Committee review of the Public Bill and Member Bill processes**.

You will be aware that the role of the Senedd Commission is to provide the support necessary for the work of the Senedd and its Members, and we recognise that the scrutiny and passing of legislation is the key role of a legislature. However, the Senedd's procedures and processes are outside our area of responsibility, and for that reason would feel it is better for us not to give a view on those processes.

That said, we recognise that the Commission's responsibility for providing expert staff support for the legislative processes represents a significant, and sometimes difficult-to-forecast resource commitment. For example, the support provided by committee clerks and lawyers to Members in drafting and tabling amendments to Bills can be incredibly resource-intensive. Equally, the current Member Bill process draws staff from a range of Commission services. The high standard of service provided to those Members carries implications for our ability to support business as usual in other areas, particularly as Member Bills can be unpredictable in their timing and complexity. The Commission will of course, in each year, propose a budget to enable it to support Members and it will always be for the Senedd as a whole to have the final say on whether or not the proposed budget is approved.

Consequently, the Commission has a keen interest in the Business Committee review. We look forward to considering the outcome of the review which will inform our preparations for the Seventh Senedd.



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Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Elin Jones".

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Llywydd and Chair of the Senedd Commission

