

Minister for Housing and Local Government

26 July 2019

Voting rights for prisoners

Dear Julie

Thank you for your response to our report on voting rights for prisoners. We have also received a response from the Llywydd on behalf of the Assembly Commission. I have enclosed a copy.

You will note that the Llywydd states that it is the view of the Assembly Commission that “the decision on whether and when legislation should be introduced in respect of prisoner voting rights sits with the Welsh Ministers.”

We would now like to seek clarity on how the issues around prisoner voting and the Assembly franchise will be dealt with, and who will be responsible for this issue. We would appreciate a response by 18 September, to enable it to be considered as part of the Assembly debate on 25 September.

I am also writing to the Llywydd about this issue.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely



John Griffiths

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



Enclosure: Correspondence from the Llywydd

Cc: Mick Antoniw, Chair, Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

