

William Powell AM  
Chair  
Petitions Committee  
National Assembly for Wales  
Cardiff Bay  
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Your ref:  
Our ref: PO1184/RB/AJ

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Dear William

**Petition P-04-661 Prohibit Online use and Electronic Voting by Members in the Chamber**

Thank you for your letter dated 29 February.

As I set out in my letter of 30 November, the use of technology is integral to how the Assembly functions as a modern Parliament. Other Parliaments are moving in the direction of the Assembly in terms of allowing Members to use technology during meetings, and I consider that rolling back its availability in the Siambwr would be a retrograde step

I reiterate that it is each individual Member's responsibility to ensure that they participate appropriately during Plenary meetings, and I would again encourage your petitioners and anyone else concerned about this matter, to contact Members directly if they do not consider that they do so.

Best wishes,



**Dame Rosemary Butler AM**  
**Presiding Officer**

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