

Mark Drakeford AM
Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Local Government

17 April 2018

Dear Mark,

PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN (WALES) BILL

I am pleased that the Assembly agreed to the general principles of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill on 21 March 2018 and I am grateful for the Government's support.

I am keen to work with you to progress the Bill in a manner which is satisfactory to both of us, and it would be helpful if we could meet to discuss further the issues which need to be addressed within the Bill. It would also be useful if Assembly officials could meet with your officials, to discuss the details of amendments to the Bill you would wish to see, and to establish what further information you require to enable the Government to bring forward a financial resolution.

I have written to the Business Committee to alert it to our ongoing discussions, and to indicate that the previously-agreed provisional Stage 2 deadline of 18 May 2018 will need to be extended.

I would be grateful if your office would liaise with the Committee Clerk, Leanne Hatcher (0300 200 6343, seneddfinance@assembly.wales), to arrange a suitable time.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Thomas AM

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English

