**National Assembly for Wales** Standards of Conduct Committee

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National Assembly for Wales

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## **Committee on Assembly Electoral Reform**

Dear Dawn

Thank you for your letter dated 16 December 2019, inviting the views of the Standards Committee on the potential implications of any change in the size of the Assembly, which was considered by the Committee at its meeting on 21 January 2020.

As you know, the remit of the Standards Committee is to investigate complaints referred by the Standards Commissioner; to consider any matters of principle relating to the conduct of Members; to establish procedures to investigate complaints; and arrangements for the Register of Members' interests and other relevant public records determined by Standing Orders.

The Standards Committee is grateful for the opportunity to comment on potential implications of any change in the size of the Assembly.

The Committee is conscious that its workload is primarily dictated by the volume of complaints that arise during the course of an Assembly. The Committee does not currently have a view on how the number of complaints it considers may be influenced by a change in the size of the Assembly. As such, the Committee does not feel able to express a view on how an increase in the size of the Assembly might influence its work.

Yours Sincerely,

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