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National Assembly for Wales

Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee

Adam Price AM
National Assembly for Wales

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Dear Adam

Thank you for your letter dated 18 December. Please note that it was only received in my office on 31 January. As this was after our final oral evidence session on the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill, we did not have the opportunity to raise these issues with the Member in Charge.

However, we have touched on the issue of scrutiny and accountability arrangements for the Ombudsman more generally during our scrutiny. In particular, this was considered alongside the issues raised by both Cymdeithas yr laith and yourself.

I do not expect the Committee to make any recommendations calling for amendments to the Bill to make additional provision for scrutiny and accountability arrangements for the Ombudsman. However, there will be an opportunity for all Members to submit amendments to the Bill if the Assembly agrees to the general principles.

As the Committee with responsibility for scrutinising the Ombudsman, this is a matter which we will continue to consider as part of our on-going scrutiny of the Ombudsman.

Yours sincerely

John Griffiths AM

Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

