

8 November 2018

Dear Llywydd,

TIMETABLE FOR PUBLIC SERVICES OMBUDSMAN (WALES) BILL

I am writing to the Business Committee to advise you that I have taken over as Member in Charge of the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill on behalf of the Finance Committee.

On 17 April 2018, my predecessor wrote to the Business Committee to advise you that an extension to the previously agreed deadline for Stage 2 proceedings of the Bill was likely to be required, pending agreement of a financial resolution.

As you will be aware, the financial resolution was agreed in Plenary on 17 July 2018. Following this decision, consultation has taken place with the Chair of the Equality, Local Government and Communities (ELGC) Committee and we propose a deadline of 8 February 2019 for completion of Stage 2. This date also takes into consideration the availability of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to attend a Stage 2 meeting of the ELGC Committee.

I would be grateful if the Business Committee would consider my request of a deadline for Stage 2 proceedings of 8 February 2019. I have attached a revised version of the timetable as an annex which also includes indicative dates for Stage 3 and 4.

Yours sincerely



Llyr Gruffydd AM, Chair

cc John Griffiths AM, Chair of the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee



Annex

Revised timetable – PSOW Bill

MILESTONE	DATE
<i>1. Bill introduced</i>	<i>Monday 2 October 2017</i>
<i>2. Deadline for Stage 1 Committee consideration</i>	<i>Friday 9 March 2018</i>
<i>3. Stage 1 ended – Plenary debate on general principles</i>	<i>Wednesday 21 March 2018</i>
<i>4. Stage 2 began</i>	<i>Thursday 22 March 2018</i>
<i>5. Financial Resolution passed</i>	<i>Tuesday 17 July 2018</i>
6. Stage 2 Ends – Deadline for Stage 2 Committee	Friday 8 February 2019
7. Stage 3 Begins ¹	Monday 11 February 2019
8. Stage 3 in Plenary ²	Wednesday 13 March 2019
9. Stage 4 in Plenary	Wednesday 20 March 2019
10. Royal Assent	TBA

¹ Stage 3 begins on the first working day after Stage 2 is completed.

² At least 15 working days must elapse between the start of Stage 3 and the date of the first meeting of the Assembly that considers Stage 3 proceedings.

