

19 March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

Consideration of proposals to amend the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 – Consultation

The [Public Audit \(Wales\) Act 2013](#) was introduced in July 2012 and became law in Wales on 29 April 2013. The Act aimed to strengthen and improve the accountability and governance arrangements relating to the Auditor General for Wales and the Wales Audit Office whilst protecting the Auditor General for Wales independence and objectivity.

The [Finance Committee](#) of the National Assembly for Wales is conducting post-legislative scrutiny of the Act, which will focus on two areas:

1. To explore [issues raised](#) by the Auditor General for Wales and Wales Audit Office in regard of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013; including:
 - Fee charging
 - Quorum arrangements of the Wales Audit Office board
 - Wales Audit Office reporting arrangements
 - Issues with laying and reporting accounts
2. To consider to what extent other aspects of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2013 may benefit from revision.

If you are an audited body in Wales, the Committee is particularly interested in your views on the fee charging regime.

Further details about the inquiry can be found on the Assembly's website:
<http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?id=350&RPID=1514865213&cp=yes>

Invitation to contribute to the inquiry

The Committee welcomes evidence from those with an interest in this subject.



If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide a brief description of the role of your organisation.

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We expect other organisations to implement their own standards or schemes and to comply with their statutory obligations.

The Committee will consider responses to the inquiry and hold oral evidence sessions during the summer term.

If you wish to submit evidence, please send an electronic copy of your submission to: seneddfinance@assembly.wales

Alternatively, you can write to:

Committee Clerk
Finance Committee
National Assembly for Wales
Cardiff Bay, CF99 1NA.

Submissions should arrive by 3 May 2019. It may not be possible to take into account responses received after this date. **Guidance** for those providing evidence for committees is available.

We would be grateful if you could forward a copy of the letter to any individuals or organisations that might like to contribute to the inquiry. A



copy of this letter has been placed on the Assembly's website with an open invitation to submit views.

Disclosure of Information

The Assembly's policy on disclosure of information can be accessed [here](#), please ensure that you have considered these details carefully before submitting information to the Committee. Alternatively a hard copy of this policy can be requested by contacting the Clerk, Bethan Davies (0300 200 6372 seneddfinance@assembly.wales).

Yours faithfully,



Llyr Gruffydd AM
Chair

