

Nick Ramsay AM
Chair, Public Accounts Committee
National Assembly for Wales

20 March 2019

Dear Nick,

Supporting and Promoting the Welsh Language

Thank you for your letter dated 5 February 2019 in which you raise an issue with regard the publication of the Welsh language version of the Welsh Government's consolidated accounts. You note that the Welsh and English versions were not laid concurrently, with the Welsh language version published 12 days after the English version. We as a Committee share your concerns.

In addition to this example of the Welsh Government's failure to meet its legal obligations to treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English you mention the Committee has 'wider concerns about the Welsh Government's commitment to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language in its internal arrangements'.

You have suggested we, as a Committee, invite Shan Morgan, Permanent Secretary to the Welsh Government to discuss these issues and contribute oral evidence as part of our inquiry into supporting and promoting the Welsh language. Our inquiry has now concluded, and we plan to publish the report in early May.

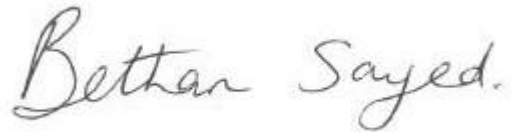
However, to address the concerns highlighted, we will invite Shan Morgan to attend our planned scrutiny session alongside Eluned Morgan AM, Minister for International Relations and the Welsh Language on 10 July 2019. This will provide an opportunity to explore the issues brought to our attention further.

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Y Pwyllgor Diwylliant, y Gymraeg a Chyfathrebu

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I will write to you with an update on our session following the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bethan Sayed." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bethan Sayed

Chair of the Committee