Dear Dawn,

Thank you for your letter dated 16 December regarding the potential implications for Assembly committees of any change in the size of the Assembly. We discussed this letter on 23 January. Members’ views on the subject varied and the Committee did not come to a settled position. Some points raised by members in the discussion were:

- This matter is more appropriate for individual AM’s or political groups to respond to
- The workload can be difficult and is not comparable to other similar institutions; Assembly Committees are underpowered
- Being on more than one or two committees can be challenging
- Specialising is difficult
- With smaller committees it is very hard to undertake sub-committee or rapporteur work

As mentioned above the views varied between Members. These points are a record of the discussion had as opposed to the view of the Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Chair
Economy, Infrastructure and Skills Committee