

Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd
Former Chair of the Commission on Justice in Wales

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Dear Lord Thomas

Invitation to give evidence

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself as Chair of the Sixth Senedd's Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee.

As a Committee, we are mindful of the recommendation of The Commission on Justice in Wales that the Senedd should take a more proactive role in the scrutiny of the operation of the justice system in Wales. To that effect, in the short term, we will be hearing from the President of the Welsh Tribunals in early November, and we hope to begin a piece of work on access to justice in Wales in the New Year. We have also committed to undertake regular scrutiny of the Welsh Government's justice functions, and hope to schedule the first of these sessions in January 2022, as well as exploring opportunities to hear from the Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice.

In order to inform our scrutiny on these matters, we would like to invite you to attend our Committee meeting on Monday 22 November, from 1.30pm- 2.30pm, to discuss the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Justice in Wales report. Please note, it is anticipated the meeting will take place remotely via Zoom.



I would be grateful if you could confirm, at your earliest convenience, whether you will be able to accept our invitation.

Yours sincerely,

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