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Dawn Bowden MS Deputy Minister for Arts and Sport, and Chief Whip Welsh Government

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Information gathering session on the allegations surrounding the Welsh Rugby Union

Dear Dawn

I am writing to you with regards to the allegations that have been made against the Welsh Rugby Union this week in a programme aired on BBC Cymru Wales. The Committee has decided to invite the Welsh Rugby Union to an evidence session with the Committee on Thursday 2 February 2023 to gather further information on this issue.

The Committee is also keen to understand the activity of Welsh Government in this matter. As such, the Committee would also like to explore this with you as the Deputy Minister with responsibility for sport in Wales. As you will be aware, you are already scheduled to give evidence to the Committee on its inquiry into the challenges facing the creative industries sector on this date. Given the urgency of this issue, the Committee has decided to change the focus of your session and to use it to gather information on the allegations made against the Welsh Rugby Union and what actions the Welsh Government is taking as a result.

The Committee is clear that this is not an inquiry into the allegations. It is an opportunity to explore the issues that have arisen and discuss actions that have already been announced as a result. The Committee will consider what action to take regarding this issue following next week's discussions.

In light of this re-arranging, Committee officials will work with your officials to identify a suitable date for you to give evidence to the Committee's inquiry into the challenges facing the creative industries sector.



Yours sincerely,

Dayt Jul.

Delyth Jewell Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.



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