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**Y Pwyllgor Menter a Busnes
Enterprise and Business Committee**

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Christine Chapman AM
Chair
Communities, Equality and Local
Government Committee

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Dear Christine

Welsh Language Scrutiny

Thank you for your letter to Nick Ramsay dated 28 January 2014 inviting the Committee to consider our approach to scrutiny of the Welsh language as it relates to our remit, and how to mainstream the Welsh language into our scrutiny work.

We welcome your initiative in this area and we are glad you have raised the issue as the Welsh language has not featured prominently in our work to date.

We agree that mainstreaming the language is important and that economic development and the Welsh language need to go forward hand in hand. This is particularly the case for those Welsh speaking heartlands where the provision of transport and economic opportunities are currently lacking.

We are aware that there have been some initiatives in this field, such as the Teifi Valley Local Growth Zones, Menter a Busnes and the report by the Welsh language and economic development task and finish group. We will aim to look at those initiatives over the coming months, and also to incorporate Welsh language issues within our regular questioning of Ministers and other witnesses during our future inquiries.

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Thank you again for inviting our views on this issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William". The letters are cursive and connected, with a prominent 'W' at the start.

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