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**National Assembly for Wales**

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

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**Jocelyn Davies AM**  
**Chair**  
**Finance Committee**

15 December 2015

Dear Jocelyn

**Draft Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Bill**

At our meeting on 10 December, the Committee heard evidence from the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales in relation to his 2014/15 annual report.

During that session, we discussed the case for amending the *Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2005*, including the need for 'own-initiative investigation' powers and the authority to accept oral complaints.

We are aware of the work carried out to date by the Finance Committee on the possible extension of the Ombudsman's powers, and note that you are currently consulting on a draft Bill. The Committee felt it was important that I write to you to express its support for the introduction of a new Bill. We hope that such a Bill will be pursued by the relevant Committee as a matter of priority in the fifth Assembly.

Yours sincerely,



**Christine Chapman AM**

Chair



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