

**Y Pwyllgor Materion Cyfansoddiadol
Constitutional Affairs Committee**

Alun Ffred Jones AM
Minister for Heritage
Welsh Assembly Government
5th Floor
Tŷ Hywel
Cardiff Bay
CF99 1NA

Bae Caerdydd / Cardiff Bay
Caerdydd / Cardiff
CF99 1NA

25 March 2010

Dear Alun

Proposed Welsh Language (Wales) Measure

Invitation to give evidence to Constitutional Affairs Committee – 20 May 2010

Standing Order 15.6 (ii) allows the Constitutional Affairs Committee to consider and report on: “the appropriateness of provisions in proposed Assembly Measures...that grant powers to make subordinate legislation to the Welsh Ministers...”. In accordance with this the Committee has commenced scrutiny of the Proposed Welsh Language (Wales) Measure.

The proposed Measure contains powers for subordinate legislation to be made by Welsh Ministers. Therefore, the Committee wishes to invite you to attend the Committee meeting on Thursday 20th May 2010 to provide further information on the proposed Measure.

In advance of the meeting, the Committee would be grateful if you could provide it with a written briefing on the proposed Measure, addressing in particular:

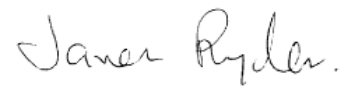
1. What impact the proposed Measure will have?
2. What powers are contained in the proposed Measure allowing Welsh Ministers to make subordinate legislation?
3. Why are those matters being dealt with by enabling powers rather than on the face of the proposed Measure?
4. Why have affirmative or negative resolution powers been chosen in each case?
5. How will the powers contained in the proposed Measure affect the powers currently held by Welsh Ministers in this area?
6. How does the Government intend to implement these powers?

I should be grateful for a response on these issues by 11 May 2010.

I would be grateful if your officials could liaise with the Deputy Clerk of the Committee Olga Lewis (tel.: 02920 898154) with regards to the practical arrangements.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet Ryder." The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Janet Ryder AM
Chair, Constitutional Affairs Committee