

**P-06-1305 Reject proposed 36 extra Members of the Senedd by 2026,
Correspondence – Petitioner to Committee, 30.11.22**

Dear Petitions Committee,

The Senedd presently may be the smallest devolved legislature in the UK but it has the smallest population and the birth rate is falling. Immigration within Wales has given people from other countries the opportunity to live in safety and provide social, economic opportunities. This comes at a cost to the local councils in health, education, housing etc. The money should be spent on these issues not expanding the Senedd.

The Welsh people need to be consulted on the issue of expanding the number of AMs within the Assembly. The present cost of living crisis will continue within the foreseeable future. The people of Wales deserve a voice on this subject not the Senedd members.

In reference to the letter from Mark Drakeford I disagree with his wording, democracy comes at a cost. The overall process needs to be looked into in more detail and people consulted across Wales.

Yours faithfully,