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Dear Ann

Re: Cuts to the Equality and Human Rights Commission's office

I am sure you are already in correspondence with others concerning the proposed cuts to the budget of the EHRC and the impact that this will have on services provided here in Wales.

I have constituents who are directly affected by the proposals and they are anxious to raise the possibility at the Community Equalities and Local Government Committee might undertake and urgent investigation into the planned cuts of the EHRC's budget and staffing and the affects this may have on communities and equality work in Wales.

I am sure that these are issues that have already been drawn to your attention but if the committee does have a chance to consider such a possible urgent investigation I would be grateful if you could let me know of the outcome – whether that is to go ahead with some urgent work or whether the committee decides it is unable to accommodate such activity within its Autumn programme.

With thanks

Yours

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