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Environment and Sustainability Committee

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Dear Carl

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill – Further information

Thank you for attending the Committee on 23 October for the scrutiny session on the general principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Bill. You agreed to provide further information on a number of issues raised during the meeting. Those issues are listed below, we would be grateful if you could provide further information on these in writing:

- Clarification as to whether the Welsh Government will seek National Statistics status for indicators being developed to measure progress in achieving the well-being goals;
- How this Bill will compliment and interact with the principles, structures and desired outcomes of the Planning (Wales) Bill and the proposed Environment Bill;
- An update on the role of the Auditor General for Wales in relation to the Bill and to clarify the concerns he has raised in relation his powers, following your upcoming meeting with him;
- To clarify how the Bill effects the needs of carers and children, particularly the suggestion that schedule 4 removes express requirements to consider their needs.

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The Committee would be grateful if you could provide a response on these issues by **Monday 3 November**. I appreciate that this timescale is tight, however this reflects the wider timetable for stage 1 and the benefit for us to receive your response in sufficient time in order to consider the information when writing our Stage 1 Report.

Additionally, there were a number of issues raised by Members which you said that you would give consideration to. Should you be in a position to provide any update on these or any indication of amendments the Welsh Government intends to bring forward at Stage 2, it would be very useful to the Committee to receive any information you are able to share with us.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alun Ffred Jones', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Alun Ffred Jones AM
Chair of the Environment and Sustainability Committee