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Dear Jane

Cost of legislation in the 4th Assembly

I am writing to you with regards to the cumulative cost of legislation in the 4th Assembly. As you will be aware, as we move towards the end of the 4th Assembly, the Committee is starting to look towards its legacy report and as part of this we have an interest in the costs of legislation.

The Committee has scrutinised a number of Bills this Assembly term and we are noting a regular pattern of additional costs that fall to the Welsh Government and other public bodies.

As part of the Committee's role in having an oversight of the overall cost of the Welsh Government's legislative programme in the Fourth Assembly, we would like you to provide the following information:

- Details of how you track the cumulative financial impact of Bills passed and Bills planned to be passed in the Fourth Assembly, along with their associated subordinate legislation?
- Is this information available on an annual basis, showing the financial commitments going forward 5 years, based on expected implementation rather than the figures in the Regulatory Impact Assessments?



- Is this information broken down by individual Bill?
- Do you monitor what the cumulative financial impact is on different organisations? For example, Welsh government, NHS organisations, local authorities, other public bodies, such as Natural Resources Wales, the third sector, businesses etc.
- Have any post legislative assessments been made on the accuracy of the cost and benefits estimates of Bills post implementation?

Yours sincerely



Jocelyn Davies

Chair

