Pwyllgor Deddfwriaeth Rhif.2 Legislation Committee No.2

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The proposed Welsh Language (Wales) Measure

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Dear Alun,

- 1. Thank your for your letter of 23 April.
- 2. One of the issues that has been raised in evidence on a regular basis is the question of what an individual standard might look like.
- 3. In your letter you state that "what standards might look like in practice is a matter for the Commissioner."
- 4. However, the role of the Commissioner in making standards, and the relevant process to be followed, prior to the making of standards by Welsh Ministers under section 25 are not clear to us. We would therefore welcome some further clarification on this point.
- 5. While we appreciate that the Commissioner may have some role to play in the making of standards, we would nevertheless find it useful if you could provide the committee with a draft standard for illustrative purposes. We presume that this would be possible, drawing on any developmental work undertaken in deciding to replace language schemes with standards.
- 6. We do not believe that providing this information would compromise the setting of future standards.
- 7. I look forward to hearing from you soon,

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Yours sincerely,

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