

Written Statement

The Co-operation Agreement – Legal Opinion

In my statement last week on the Co-operation Agreement I said that it was my preliminary view, based on advice, that Plaid Cymru was not a group with an executive role. I have since sought further legal opinion on the matter from Lord Pannick QC. I am today publishing that opinion which supports my initial view. My view on this matter therefore remains unchanged and is final.

<https://senedd.wales/media/creddir3/gen-ld14734-e.pdf>

As I said last week there are still questions surrounding the impact of the Agreement on the organisation of Senedd business. I consulted with the Business Committee this morning and the Committee will return to the matter next Tuesday. I intend to make a further statement next week on changes I will be implementing from the start of term in January. This will be followed by formal guidance on a range of matters within my discretion.

I would encourage all Members to let me have their views on how we might adapt our approach to non-government business as we see the Agreement operating in practice.

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