



**Welsh Affairs
Committee**

Wednesday, 28 May 2025

Elisabeth Davies
National Chair
Independent Monitoring Board

Dear Elisabeth,

Thank you for appearing before my committee on Wednesday 21 May, as part of our inquiry into *prisons, probation and rehabilitation in Wales*.

I was grateful to hear your perspective on the state of the prison estate in Wales and the conditions facing prisoners held there.

Unfortunately, there was insufficient time to ask all of the questions that my committee wished to pose. As such, I would be grateful if you could provide answers in writing to the following questions:

- How satisfied are you with the ability for prisoners to access services using the Welsh language, whether serving sentences in England or Wales?
- What are the main physical infrastructure challenges facing the Welsh prison estate, and how do these compare with the estate in England?
- Aside from vital fire safety improvement works, what maintenance works should prison governors in Wales prioritise?

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Jones MP
Chair of the Welsh Affairs Committee