



**Welsh Affairs
Committee**

Jane Hutt MS
Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Trefnydd and Chief Whip
Welsh Government

Wednesday, 25 March 2026

Dear Jane,

As you may be aware, the House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee has recently launched an inquiry into child poverty in Wales, titled *Working towards ending child poverty in Wales*. The inquiry will seek to understand how the ambitions set out in the UK Government's 'Our Children, Our Future: Tackling Child Poverty' strategy will be delivered in Wales, and how the UK and Welsh governments work together towards ending child poverty in Wales.

The Committee would welcome written evidence from the Welsh Government as part of our inquiry. Whilst I recognise the Welsh Government will shortly enter the pre-election period and there may be subsequent constraints on the evidence that can be provided, I understand child poverty has been a priority for the Welsh Government – and yourself, personally – and so I wanted to ensure that the Welsh Government's experiences were reflected in our work.

We would particularly welcome evidence about the Welsh Government's experiences of working alongside the UK Government towards tackling child poverty in Wales, and any potential areas for improvement that we should explore. We would be grateful for any written evidence that the Welsh Government can provide before the call for evidence closes on Monday 4 May. Any written evidence submitted would not be published until after the pre-election period has ended.

If you have any questions, please contact the Committee Clerks, who will be happy to assist.

Many thanks,

Ruth Jones MP
Chair of the Welsh Affairs Committee

Jane Hutt AS/MS
Ysgrifennydd y Cabinet dros Gyfiawnder Cymdeithasol, y
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Dear Ruth,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 25 March regarding the House of Commons Welsh Affairs Committee's inquiry into child poverty in Wales, entitled 'Working towards ending child poverty in Wales' to understand how the ambitions set out in the UK Government's 'Our Children, Our Future: Tackling Child Poverty' strategy will be delivered in Wales, and how the UK and Welsh Governments work together towards ending child poverty in Wales.

Thank you for acknowledging that Wales is entering the pre-election period. In light of this, a full response to the inquiry is not possible at this stage, particularly related to suggested improvements in joint working as these will be a matter for the future government. However, I am keen to provide factual evidence with regard to how Welsh Government has worked alongside the UK Government to support your inquiry based on my experience during the development of the UK Government's Strategy.

I have developed positive and productive relations with our counterparts in the UK Government and the Devolved Governments on issues relating to Child Poverty, including taking part in the Four Nations Ministerial Group on child poverty and meeting with the Taskforce itself to promote the work underway in Wales on child poverty and press the priorities for the Welsh Government for action by the UK Government. The First Minister and I were pleased to welcome the Prime Minister to Wales and to the Ely and Caerau Family Centre to announce the publication of the UK Child Poverty Strategy and I have sought opportunities for collaboration and for efforts to tackle child poverty to be aligned to ensure maximum impact. We last met as a Four Nations Ministerial Group on 24 March where we agreed that, subject to the views of future governments in Wales and Scotland, there would be value in continuing to meet.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I would like to signpost you to our Child Poverty Strategy, which sets out clearly our ambition, objectives and priorities for ending child poverty in Wales. Alongside this, we recently published our Policy Progress Report, an analysis of Lived Experience evidence of people living in poverty, and an updated Monitoring Framework; to demonstrate progress against the commitments detailed within our Child Poverty Strategy. I enclose a link to each of the documents for your information. [Child poverty strategy for Wales: strategy and progress | GOV.WALES](#)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jane Hutt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a distinct 'H'.

Jane Hutt AS/MS

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