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Subject: The Assembly and Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill

Dear Claire

The Committee considered correspondence in relation to the call for evidence regarding the Assembly Executive Reform (Assembly Opposition) Bill and in particular Clause 9 of the Bill.

Members noted that as introduced Clause 9 of the Bill provides that it is for the Opposition to determine who the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee are. Members also noted, as outlined in research, this power within the Bill, reflects the practice in other legislatures.

While Members discussed the merits of Clause 9 of the Bill, the majority of Members were of the opinion that the Bill is a matter for the political parties represented on AERC.

Kind regards

Lucia