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Sent: 19 October 2021 14:06

To [Redacted Section 40]

Subject: RE: Constitutional Commission

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Thank you so much [Redacted Section 40]

Just to be clear (and picky sorry!) these are suggestions for consideration rather than formal nominations.

Thanks again

[Redacted Section 40]

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Sent: 15 September 2021 10:51

To: [Redacted Section 40]

Subject: RE: Constitutional Commission

Hi [Redacted Section 40]

Three nominations below.

If you need any more information let me know.

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From: [Redacted Section 40]
Sent: 02 September 2021 14:06
To: [Redacted Section 40]
Subject: RE: Constitutional Commission

We said a couple of weeks but sooner the better if poss

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From: [Redacted Section 40]
Sent: 02 September 2021 13:49
To: [Redacted Section 40]
Subject: Re: Constitutional Commission

Hi [Redacted Section 40]

I'm well - and yourself?

Will do.

What's the deadline?

[Redacted Section 40]

From: [Redacted Section 40]
Sent: Thursday, September 2, 2021 11:33:24 AM
To: [Redacted Section 40]
Subject: Constitutional Commission

Hello [Redacted Section 40]

Hope you are well.

The Counsel General met with Andrew yesterday to discuss the Commission and whether Andrew had any suggestions for our consideration on commission membership. Andrew said he had one or two in mind and would come back to us in due course. I am contacting you to ask if the names and any background you want to include be sent to me please?

Any problems let me know

Best wishes

[Redacted Section 40]

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Andrew RT Davies MS
Member of the Senedd for South Wales Central

04 August 2021

Dear Andrew

In my statement to the Senedd on 13 July regarding the establishment of the commission on the constitution, I indicated we would be engaging with the parties in the Senedd as we considered the issues around its establishment in further detail, and that I would welcome further discussions with them on the membership of the Commission.

Our intention is that the Commission should be accessible, should reflect as far as possible the diversity of our communities, and should be comfortable in engaging with citizens as well as having relevant knowledge and expertise. Our ambition is to have finalised the membership of the Commission in time to enable it to begin its work in the autumn, and I hope to be able to make further announcements to the Senedd in September.

I would therefore be very grateful if you could contact my office within the next week, to arrange a mutually convenient date and time to discuss any views or suggestions

you may have about the Commission. This will enable us to factor in your views as we settle upon the final membership.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mick Antoniw AS/MS
Y Cwnsler Cyffredinol a Gweinidog y Cyfansoddiad
Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

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Andrew RT Davies AS
Aelod o'r senedd Canol De Cymru

04 Awst 2021

Annwyl Andrew

Yn fy natganiad i'r Senedd ar 13 Gorffennaf ynglŷn â sefydlu'r comisiwn ar y cyfansoddiad, dywedais y byddem yn ymgysylltu â'r pleidiau yn y Senedd wrth inni ystyried yn fanylach rai o'r materion perthnasol ynglŷn â'i sefydlu. Dywedais hefyd y byddwn yn croesawu trafodaethau pellach â hwy ynglŷn ag aelodaeth y Comisiwn.

Ein bwriad yw y dylai'r Comisiwn fod yn hygyrch, adlewyrchu amrywiaeth ein cymunedau cymaint â phosibl, a gallu ymgysylltu â dinasyddion yn rhwydd, yn ogystal â meddu ar wybodaeth ac arbenigedd perthnasol. Ein nod yw y bydd aelodaeth y Comisiwn wedi'i sefydlu mewn pryd i'w alluogi i ddechrau ar ei waith yn yr hydref, ac rwy'n gobeithio gallu gwneud cyhoeddiadau pellach yn y Senedd ym mis Medi.

Byddwn felly'n ddiolchgar iawn pe gallech gysylltu â'm swyddfa yn yr wythnos nesaf, i drefnu dyddiad ac amser cyfleus inni drafod unrhyw farn neu awgrymiadau sydd gennych am y Comisiwn. Bydd hyn yn ein galluogi i gynnwys eich sylwadau pan fyddwn yn penderfynu ar yr aelodaeth derfynol.

Edrychaf ymlaen at glywed gennych.

Yn gywir,

Mick Antoniw AS/MS
Y Cwnsler Cyffredinol a Gweinidog y Cyfansoddiad
Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution

For CG to note:

(Also in attendance: me, [Redacted Section 40])

The CG referred to his Plenary statement and explained that he was looking to appoint co chairs with a gender balance, followed by 9 commissioners with diverse skills/backgrounds/experiences/politics/geographies. They wouldn't need to be constitutional experts because the commission would benefit from a separate expert panel. The CG wanted the commission to look at constitutional developments from the perspective of how they impact on the delivery of services in Wales and how Wales can work better, including in terms of relationships within the UK. The commission would be launched towards the end of September or early October. The CG said he would welcome names of individuals who could be considered, but not Members of the Senedd as the commission would need to operate independently.

Andrew RT Davies said they could agree to disagree on the need for the commission and would continue to debate these matters on the floor of the Senedd, but he acknowledged that it was the Government's right to establish the commission and welcomed the engagement on commission membership. He asked a series of questions:

- Is it time limited? The CG replied that it will be (though it might make recommendations about a standing commission) – the original thinking was 18-24 months but this might need to be shortened to influence policy at UK level for example in light of a possible early UK Parliament general election – this would need to be discussed with the co-chairs.
- Is there a Conservative Party place on the commission or are we looking for a conservative thinker? The CG replied that he didn't want party nominations as such because commissioners need flexibility rather than being accountable to parties or constrained by pre-determined positions (it could challenge the Welsh Government's stance, for example).
- Will Commissioners be remunerated? The CG said they would be and I explained that although the rates had not been finalised, a reasonable comparator would be the Justice Commission – an average of 4 days per month and a day rate of £250.
- Are the terms of reference available? The CG said no.
- When will the co-chairs be announced? The CG said hopefully within the next fortnight.

Mr Davies said he had two people in mind and he agreed to provide names within the next few weeks. The CG emphasised that there are no guarantees of selection, and offered a further discussion if that would be helpful.

FYI

[Redacted Section 40]

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From: [Redacted Section 40]

Sent: 29 September 2021 12:40

To: [Redacted Section 40]

Subject: RE: Constitutional Commission

Thanks [Redacted Section 40]

Is there a reason behind the delay? Everything OK with our suggestions?

[Redacted Section 40]

From: [Redacted Section 40]

Sent: 29 September 2021 12:24

To: [Redacted Section 40]

Subject: RE: Constitutional Commission

Hi [Redacted Section 40]

Just to let you know that the announcement has been delayed but will happen before half term...and again I will give you a heads up

Best wishes

[Redacted Section 40]

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From: [Redacted Section 40]

Sent: 16 September 2021 10:17

To: [Redacted Section 40]

Great – thanks.

[Redacted Section 40]

From: [Redacted Section 40]

Sent: 16 September 2021 10:11

To: S [Redacted Section 40]
Subject: RE: Constitutional Commission

The announcement on chairs will be late September. I will give you a heads up nearer the time

[Redacted Section 40]

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I have had meeting with [[Redacted Section 40]] I need to speak now to Andrew RT... and to Plaid....although with Plaid there have already been a number of discussions.'

Regards

[Redacted Section 40]

[Redacted Section 40]

Good afternoon all,

Kindly note that the meeting between Andrew RT Davies MS and the CG is firmed up in calendars from 12:30 to 13:00 on Wednesday 1st September. Similar to the meeting with [Redacted Section 40] MS, will [Redacted Section 40] join to support the CG please?

I'm assuming the CG won't need a briefing. As previously suggested, I have added his letter to the MS and the transcript of the oral statement on the Commission. I will also add the note for the weekly meeting on the constitutional convention going ahead on Tuesday the same week.

I hope this is suitable, please let me know if there's any issues.

Thank you,

[Redacted Section 40]

From: > [Redacted Section 40]

Sent: 11 August 2021 15:08

To: > [Redacted Section 40]

Subject: Re: Correspondence from Counsel General & Minister for the Constitution (ARTD)

Hi [Redacted Section 40]

Andrew can do the slot on Wednesday 1st - would you be able to send across a diary marker/link please?

All the best,

[Redacted Section 40]

[Redacted Section 40]

From: [Redacted Section 40]

Sent: Wednesday, August 11, 2021 12:08 PM

To: [Redacted Section 40]

Subject: RE: Correspondence from Counsel General & Minister for the Constitution (ARTD)

Dear [Redacted Section 40]

Hope this email finds you well.

Further to my colleague's email below, the Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution would be available for a virtual, 30 minute meeting anytime between 12:30 and 13:30 on Wednesday 1 September. Alternatively, he has availability from 10:45 to 11:15 on Thursday 2 September. Unfortunately, I cannot offer a slot next week as the Counsel General is on leave. Grateful if you could confirm availability as soon as possible please.

Many thanks

Best wishes,

[Redacted Section 40]

[Redacted Section 40]

From: > [Redacted Section 40]

Sent: 11 August 2021 10:00

To: [Redacted Section 40]

Subject: RE: Correspondence from Counsel General & Minister for the Constitution (ARTD)

Dear Andrew

Thank you for confirming that you are happy meet with the Counsel General.

I will now ask my colleague [Redacted Section 40] to provide details of what might be possible to firm up with the Counsel General's diary.

Kind regards

[Redacted Section 40]

[Redacted Section 40]

From: > [Redacted Section 40]

Sent: 11 August 2021 09:32

To: > [Redacted Section 40]

Subject: Re: Correspondence from Counsel General & Minister for the Constitution (ARTD)

Dear [Redacted Section 40]

Thank you for the attached letter from the Minister.

I would be delighted to meet with him - would some point next week work?

I've copied in [Redacted Section 40] from my team who will be able to tie this up.

All the best,

[Redacted Section 40]

[Redacted Section 40]

From: [Redacted Section 40]

Sent: 04 August 2021 09:28

To: [Redacted Section 40]

Subject: Correspondence from Counsel General & Minister for the Constitution (ARTD)

Dear Andrew

Please find attached a letter from Mick Antoniw, Counsel General and Minister for the Constitution regarding the Constitutional Commission.

Kind regards

[Redacted Section 40]

[Redacted Section 40]

Hi [Redacted Section 40]

Any news?

Best wishes

[Redacted Section 40]

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No that's perfect thank you.

[Redacted Section 40]

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Lovely...

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Sent: 14 September 2021 12:16
To: > [Redacted Section 40]
Subject: RE: Constitutional Commission

Hi [Redacted Section 40]

Will have them end of play today – just waiting for people to confirm they're happy to be nominated.

[Redacted Section 40]

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No, no problem just taking longer than anticipated. For you to be aware is to be approached.

[Redacted Section 40]

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