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Dear Ms Madeley

**RE: Consultation - Review of Standing Orders**

The Royal College of Nursing in Wales has always sought to engage constructively with the National Assembly for Wales and in doing so contribute fully to the development of policy and legislation to promote nursing and improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Wales.

We welcome this public consultation on the standing orders of the Assembly and I would like to take the opportunity to put on record how helpful our organisation has found the current ways of working of the Assembly. Our organisation organises regular visits to the Assembly and the business of the Assembly is on the whole accessible to the public and it is relatively easy to understand how to engage with the various inquires and events. The staff of the Assembly in particular are to be commended for their enthusiasm in assisting us to engage our membership in the democratic process.

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We do have two suggestions for improvement but we recognise that these might be matters of policy and practice rather than necessitating changes to the standing orders themselves. The first is that the schedule of committee meetings should be set out for a 12 month period. Clearly there will be later changes to this schedule however even a provisional schedule would be of great assistance in planning our engagement activities. Secondly it is at present difficult to keep track of all of the various Committee Inquiries perhaps on embarking on a review/inquiry or having issued a 'call for evidence' the expected timetable and progress of the inquiry could be published. This is certainly the case already for some committees but not all and on occasion the published information is not updated.

I hope these comments are useful.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



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#### ABOUT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING (RCN)

The RCN is the world's largest professional union of nurses, representing over 400,000 nurses, midwives, health visitors and nursing students, including over 23,000 members in Wales. The majority of RCN members work in the NHS with around a quarter working in the independent sector. The RCN works locally, nationally and internationally to promote standards of care and the interests of patients and nurses, and of nursing as a profession. The RCN is a UK-wide organisation, with its own National Boards for Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The RCN is a major contributor to nursing practice, standards of care, and public policy as it affects health and nursing.

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