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1. Paragraph 20B of Schedule 1 to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 requires the Llywydd's Committee (the Committee) to report annually on the exercise of its functions.

Scrutiny of the Electoral Commission's Estimate 2023-24

2. The Committee had 2 formal meetings (7 November 2023 and 22 January 2024) during the financial year 2023-24.

3. The Committee met on 7 November 2023 to consider the Electoral Commission's (the Commission) financial estimate for 2024/25 and supplementary estimate for 2023/24.

4. The Committee met on 22 January 2024 to further consider the supplementary estimate for 2023/24.

5. The Committee's consideration of the Commission's financial estimates for 2024-25 was set out in its report 'Scrutiny of the Electoral Commission's Financial Estimate for 2024/25'¹ laid in November 2023.

6. The Commission submitted a supplementary financial estimate request in September 2023, for inclusion in the Welsh Government's supplementary

¹ Scrutiny of the Electoral Commission's Financial Estimate for 2024-25



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budget which was laid in February 2024. This request was for an additional £53,900 (which equates to an increase of 3.8% on its original estimate for 2023/24) to meet pressures related to pay awards and a cyber-attack. A separate report was produced on the supplementary budget request in March 2024². This request was agreed as part of the Second supplementary budget on 13 March 2024.

Changes affecting the Llywydd Committee

7. The Committee had no membership changes during the year.

8. The Committee saw two changes to the Chief executive role. Sean McNally left the role on 30 November 2023. Rob Vincent acted as temporary Chief Executive before Vijay Rangarajan undertook the role on a permanent basis from 4 March 2024. David Moran acted as Accounting Office during the period of Rob Vincent being temporary Chief Executive.

² The Electoral Commission Supplementary Estimate 2023-24