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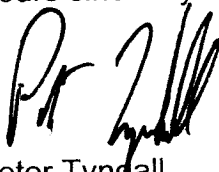
Dear Ms Burns

On the 22 February 2010 I wrote to you about the secondment of a staff member to the Health Inspectorate Wales for one year commencing January 2010 and the need for supplementary estimate for this Office for 2009-10 to cover the change for the financial year 2009-10. (Copy attached). A request for an amendment of my estimate for 2010-11 to cover the balance of the secondment has been included in the forthcoming Supplementary Estimates Paper for 2010-11 being submitted by the Welsh Assembly Government.

Although the net effect is cost neutral, it is necessary to increase the accruing resources by £36K with an offset by the expenditure of a similar amount on salary and related costs. I am following the same process that was considered appropriate in the absence of any set procedure that was used in implementing last year's change requesting this supplementary estimate. It is not my intention to have any secondment of staff in the foreseeable future and no provision has been included in the estimates for 2011-12.

There are small changes to our cash reconciliation from the June 2010 Supplementary Budget as agreed with the Welsh Assembly Government. These have been reflected in the Supplementary Estimates Paper for 2010-11.

Yours sincerely



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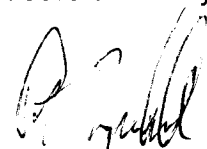
Dear Ms Burns

I received from Health Inspectorate Wales a request for the secondment of an experienced investigator to assist them in complaint handling. I was pleased to agree to this request as not only would it allow HIW to benefit from the expertise of my office but it also provided me with the opportunity to offer a member of my staff a professional development opportunity.

The impact is to maintain the overall level of resource and cash draw down, as this arrangement is on a recharge basis no budget provision was made for the additional income or the associated expenditure to cover the replacement staffing arrangements in my office. Although the net effect is cost neutral, it is necessary to increase the accruing resources by £11K with an offset by the expenditure of a similar amount on salary and related costs.

Following advice from the National Assembly for Wales's officers it was considered that in the absence of any set procedure that the most appropriate process was to include the changes for 2009-10 in the forthcoming Supplementary Budget submission.

Yours sincerely



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