Dear Kirsty,

On 20 July 2020 we took evidence from the WLGA, ADEW and the Regional Education Consortia to inform our Stage 1 scrutiny of the Curriculum and Assessment (Wales) Bill.

During the session with the WLGA and ADEW, local government representatives told us that they would be submitting updated financial information to you to inform the Bill’s Regulatory Impact Assessment. They explained that this information would be submitted by early September 2020, and would include—among other things—an assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on costs associated with the Bill, as well as approximations of costs for the next two financial years.

We are aware that, as a matter of course, a revised version(s) of the Explanatory Memorandum will be published during the course of the Bill’s passage through the Senedd. However, given the current and changing context, we would welcome regular updates on the financial information available to you, and your understanding of the financial implications of the Bill.

I have copied the Chair of the Finance Committee for awareness, given its forthcoming work on the financial implications of the Bill.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair
Cc Llyr Gruffydd MS, Chair, Finance Committee

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.